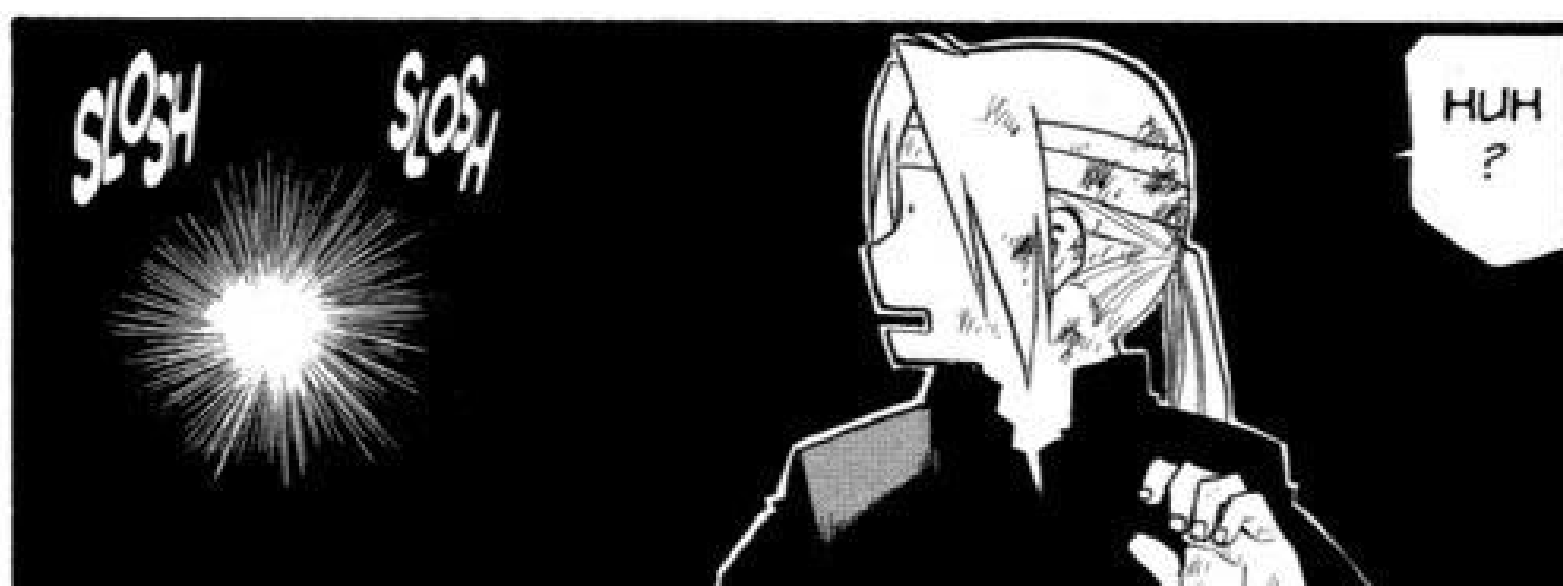
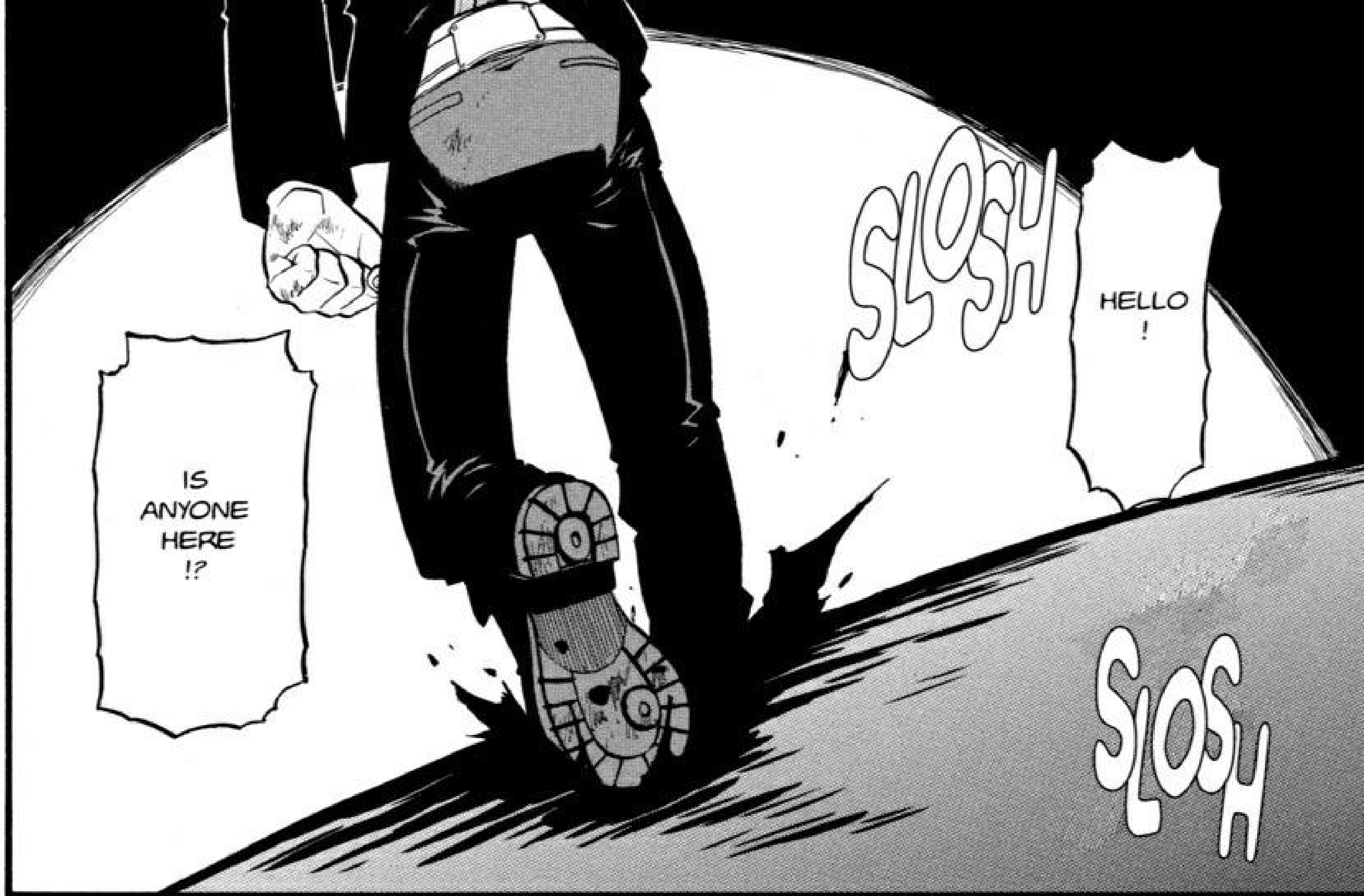
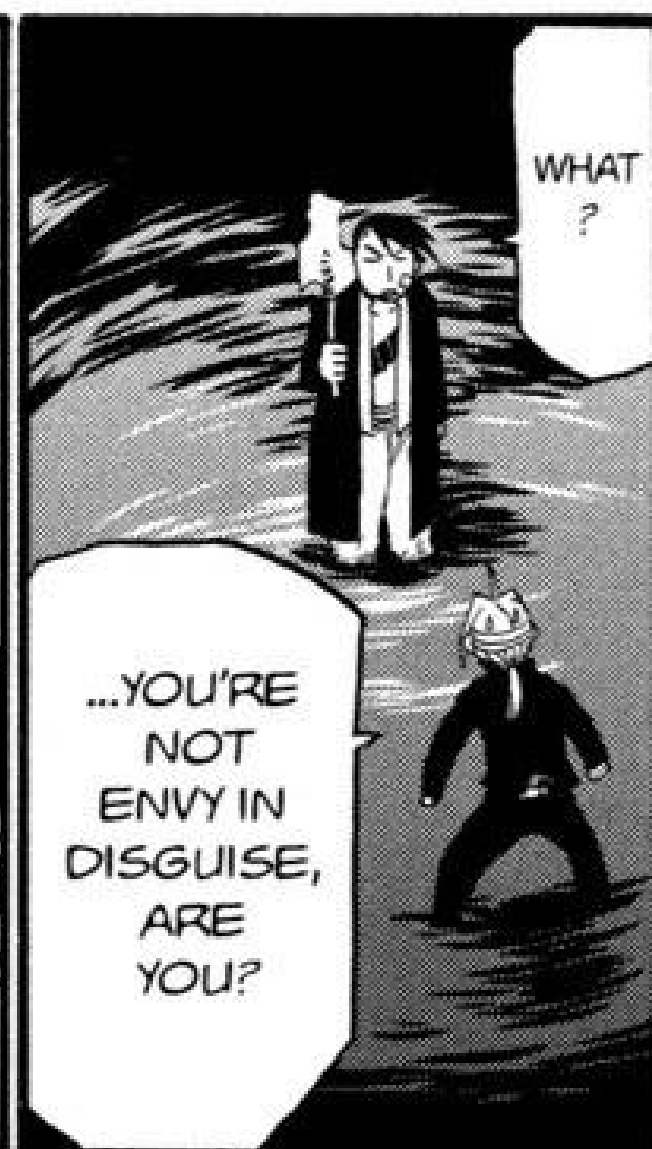




Chapter 51
A Portal In The
Darkness







NO
MATTER
HOW FAR
I WENT,
THERE
WAS NO
END
TO IT.

...BUT
IT WAS
TOTAL
DARK-
NESS.



I
DON'T
KNOW.

NOW THAT
WE'VE
CLEARED
THAT UP,
WHERE
ARE WE?

JUST NOW
I TRIED
WALKING
IN THAT
DIREC-
TION...

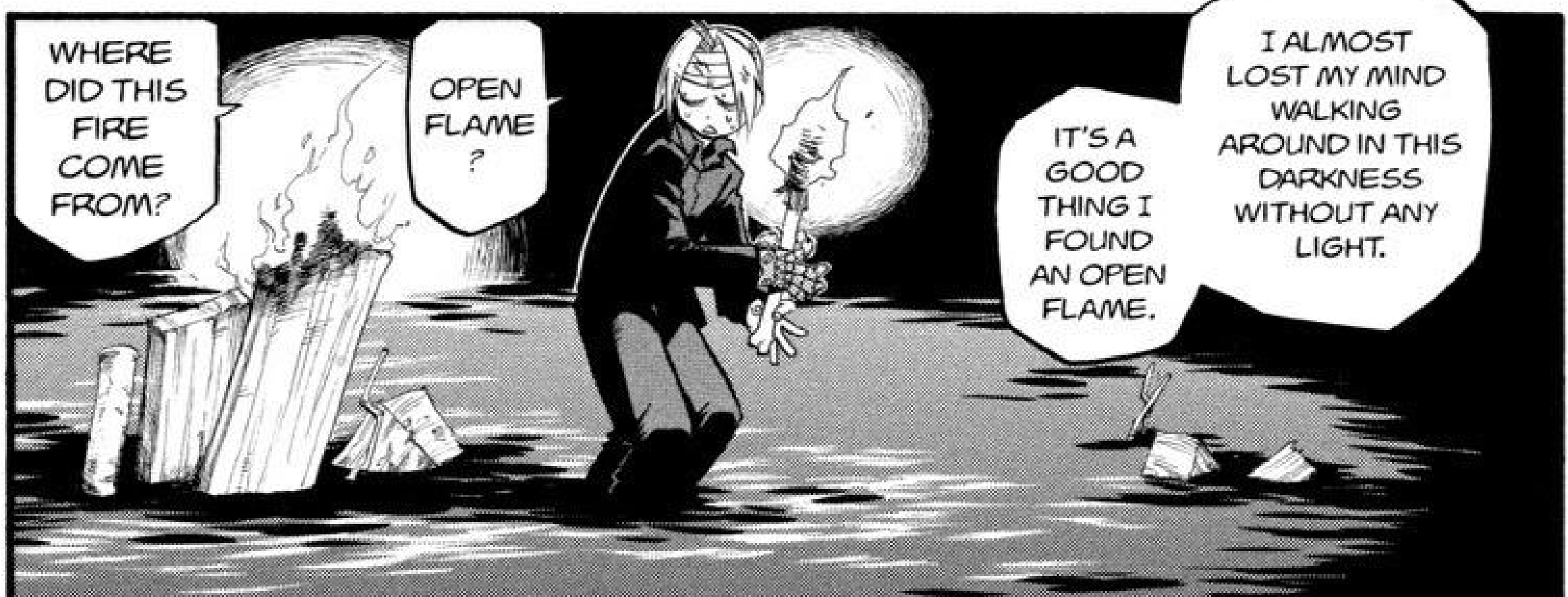


I MADE
IT FROM
THE BONES
AND
DEBRIS
THAT I
FOUND.

AAA
AAAH
!!
A
HUMAN
BONE
!?



THAT'S
RIDICU-
LOUS!
GIVE ME
THE
TORCH!



WHERE
DID THIS
FIRE
COME
FROM?

OPEN
FLAME
?

IT'S A
GOOD
THING I
FOUND
AN OPEN
FLAME.

I ALMOST
LOST MY MIND
WALKING
AROUND IN THIS
DARKNESS
WITHOUT ANY
LIGHT.



WERE WE
REALLY
SWALLOWED
BY
GLUTTONY
!?
WHY
DID
WE
END
UP
IN
THIS
PLACE
!?

WAIT
A
SECOND...
"SWAL-
LOWED"
?

CRACKLE

SO THE
COLONEL
TURNED
OUT TO BE
USEFUL
AFTER
ALL.

HA
!

IT'S
PROBABLY
FROM WHEN
GLUTTONY
SWALLOWED
THE
COLONEL'S
FLAME
ATTACK.



BUT
THERE'S
NO WAY
THAT THE
INSIDE
OF HIS
STOMACH
IS THIS
BIG.

YEAH,
I REMEM-
BER
THAT
TOO.

ALL I
KNOW
IS THAT
GLUTTONY
DEFINITELY
CHOMPED
DOWN ON
US BACK
THERE.

I WAS
HOPING
YOU
COULD
TELL
ME.



ARE
WE
REALLY
INSIDE
A STOM-
ACH...
?

I
DON'T
KNOW.

BUT ONE
THING'S CLEAR.
IF ENVY WANTED
TO LET THAT
THING SWALLOW
ME, THIS CAN'T
BE A VERY
PLEASANT
PLACE.



ISN'T
THAT THE
RUN-DOWN
BUILDING
WE
WERE IN
EARLIER?

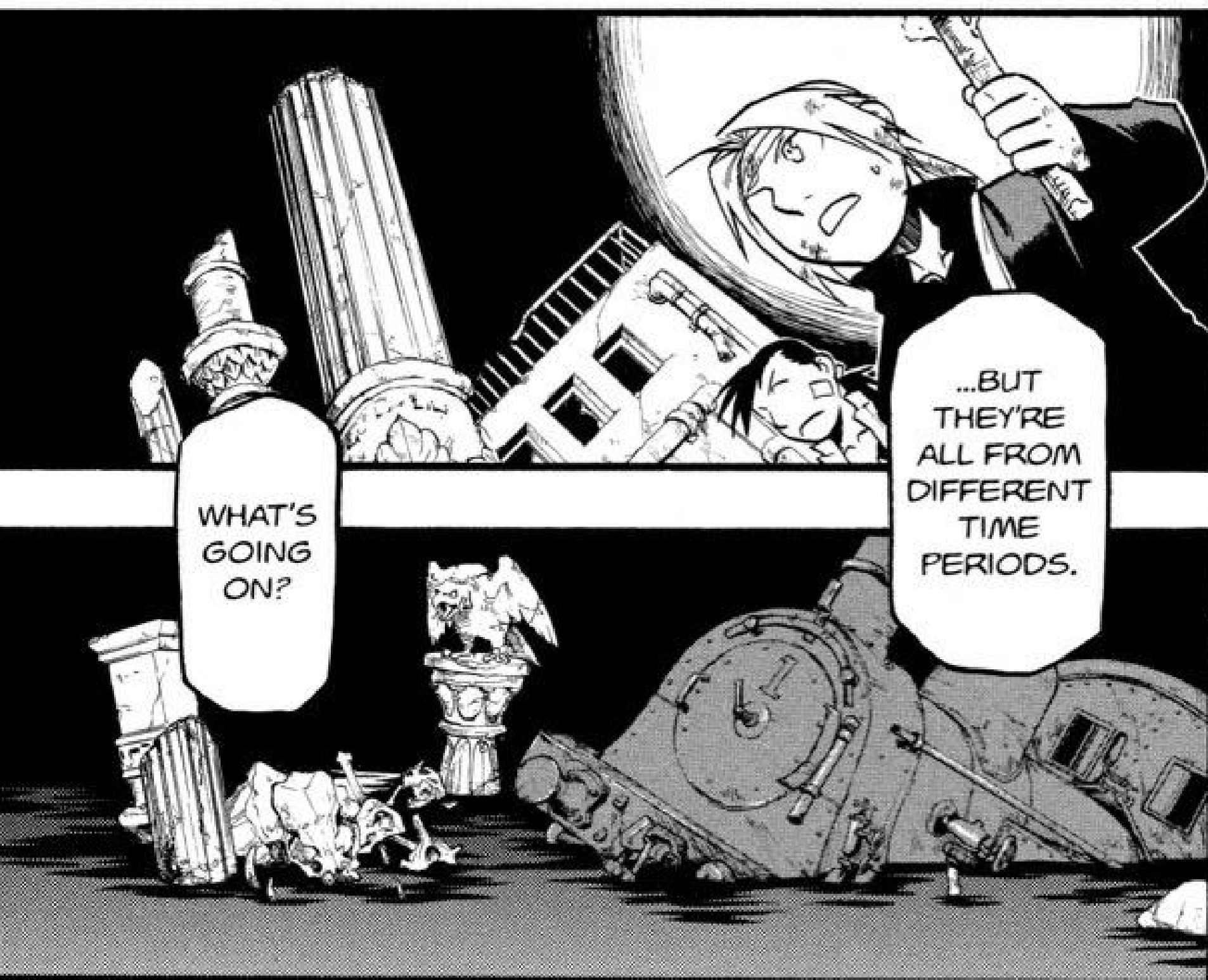
LOOK
THERE.

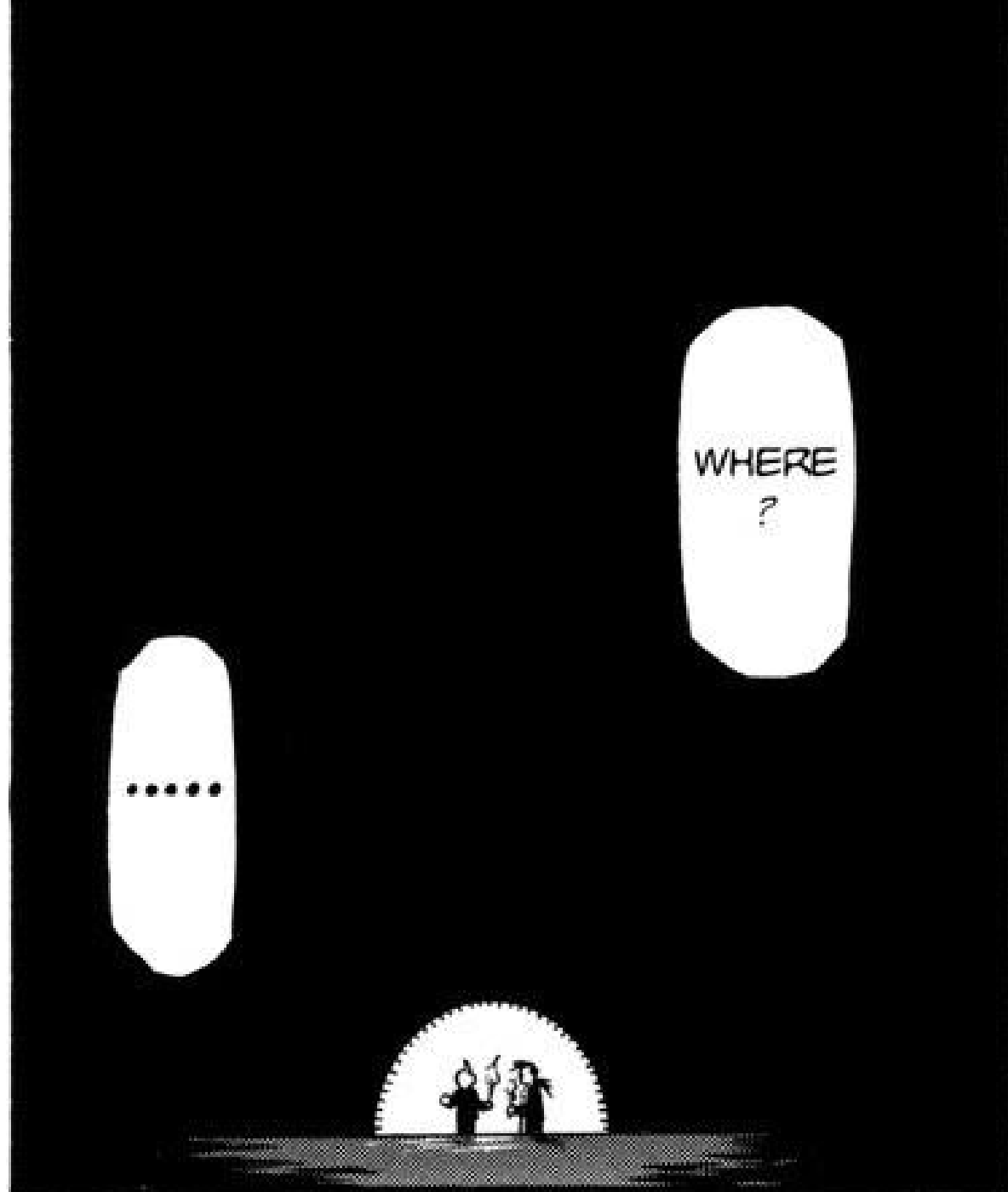


AND
ISN'T
THAT
THE LT.'S
CAR!?

YOU'RE
RIGHT
!







WHERE
?

.....



MAKE
ONE...
?

MY
MOTTO
IS, "IF
THERE'S
NO EXIT,
MAKE
ONE!!"



WHAT
DO YOU
THINK
?

TAP
TAP

HMM...



IF
NOTHING
ELSE, WE
KNOW
THERE'S A
FLOOR
!!

THE
GROUND
!!



LET'S SEE...
THE
COMPONENTS
OF BLOOD
ARE PROTEIN,
FAT, UREA
AND IRON...

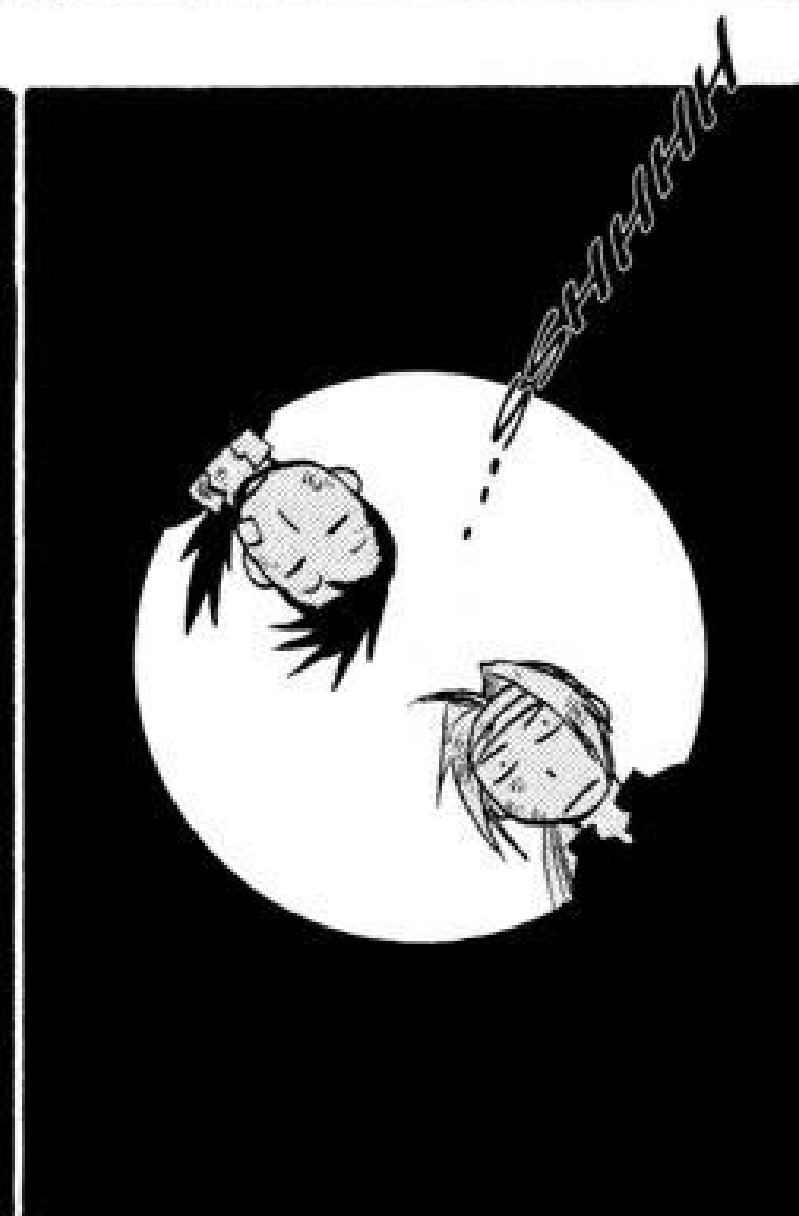
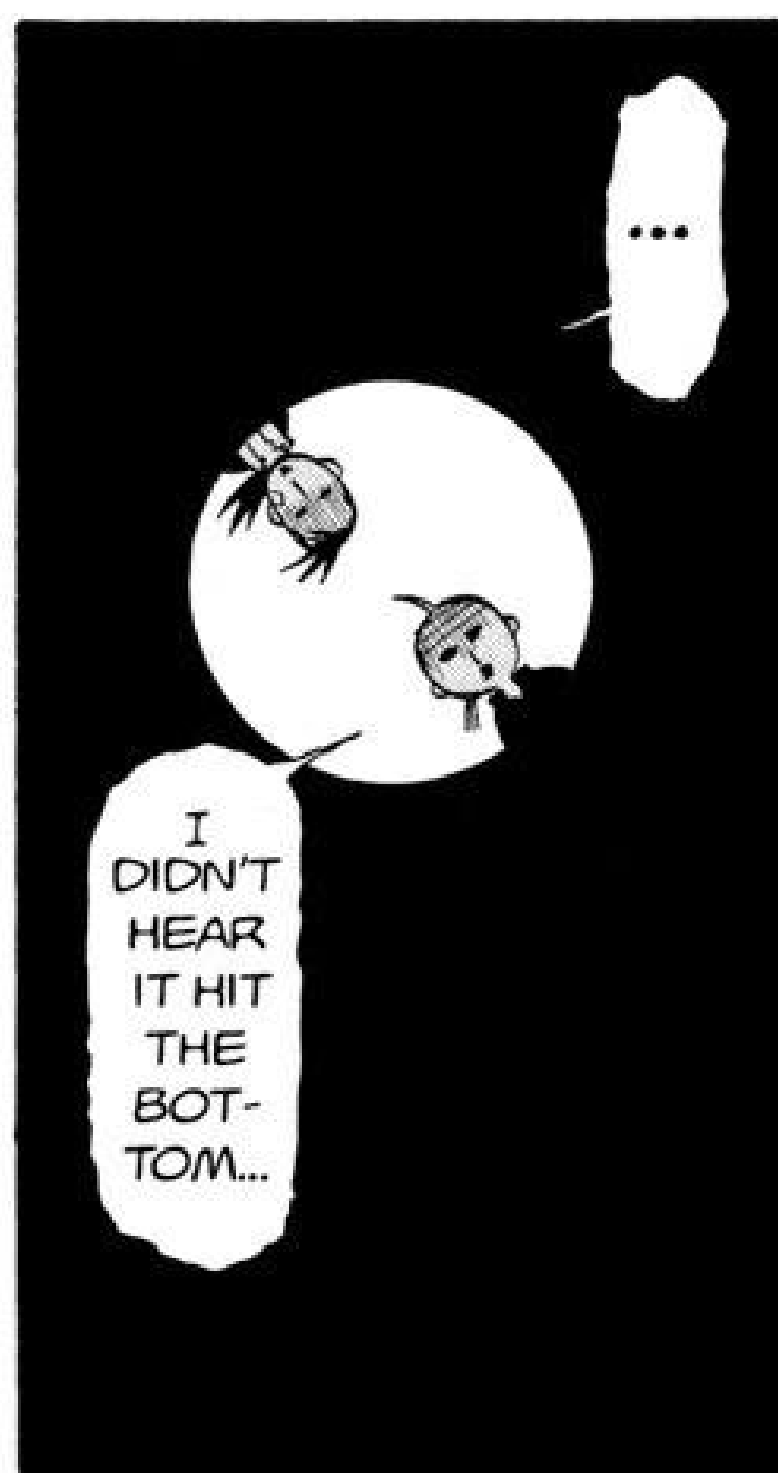
CLAP!

LET
ME SEE
IF I
CAN AT
LEAST
PUT A
HOLE
IN IT.

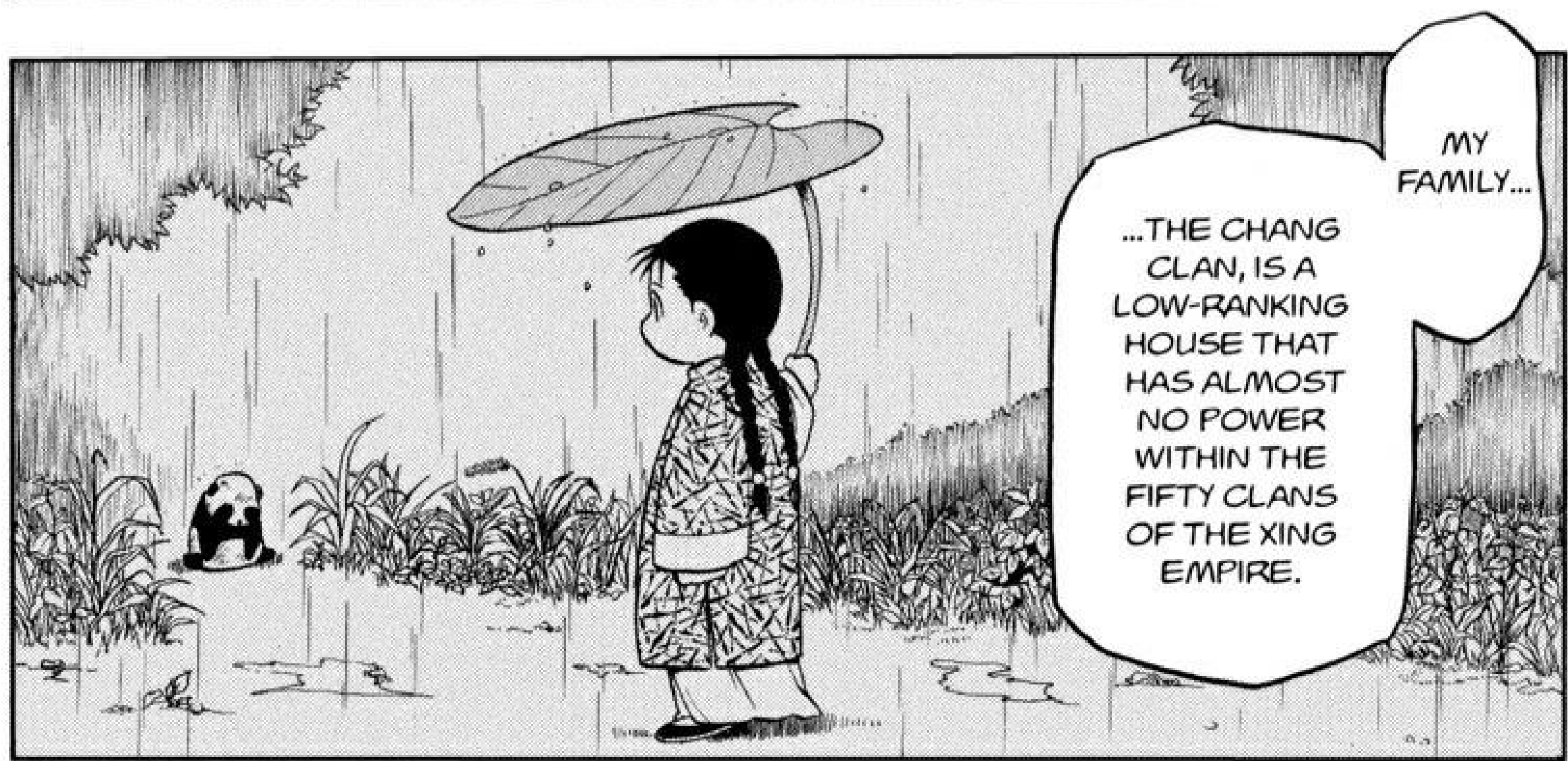
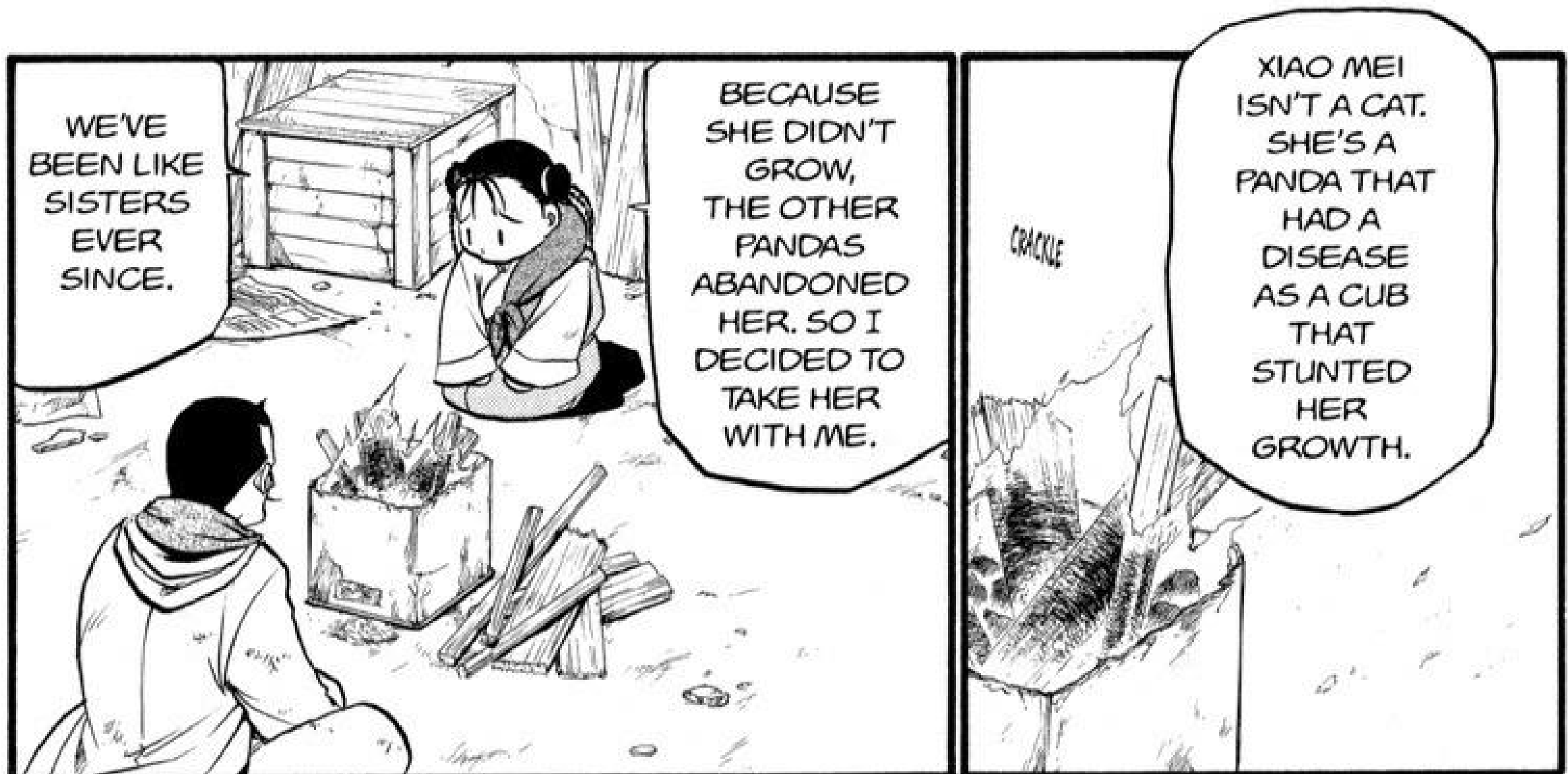


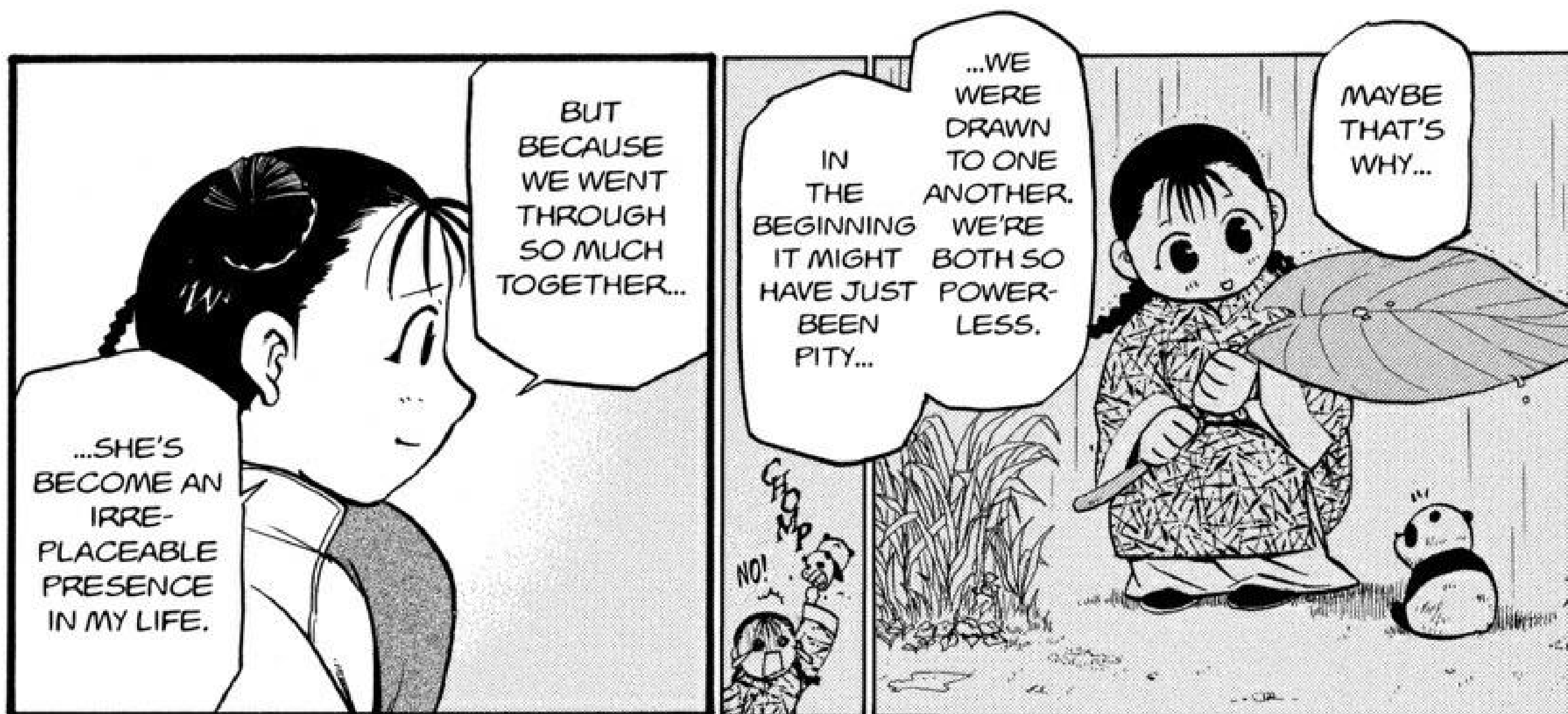
THIS
IS LESS
LIKE DIRT
AND
MORE
LIKE
CLOTTED
BLOOD.

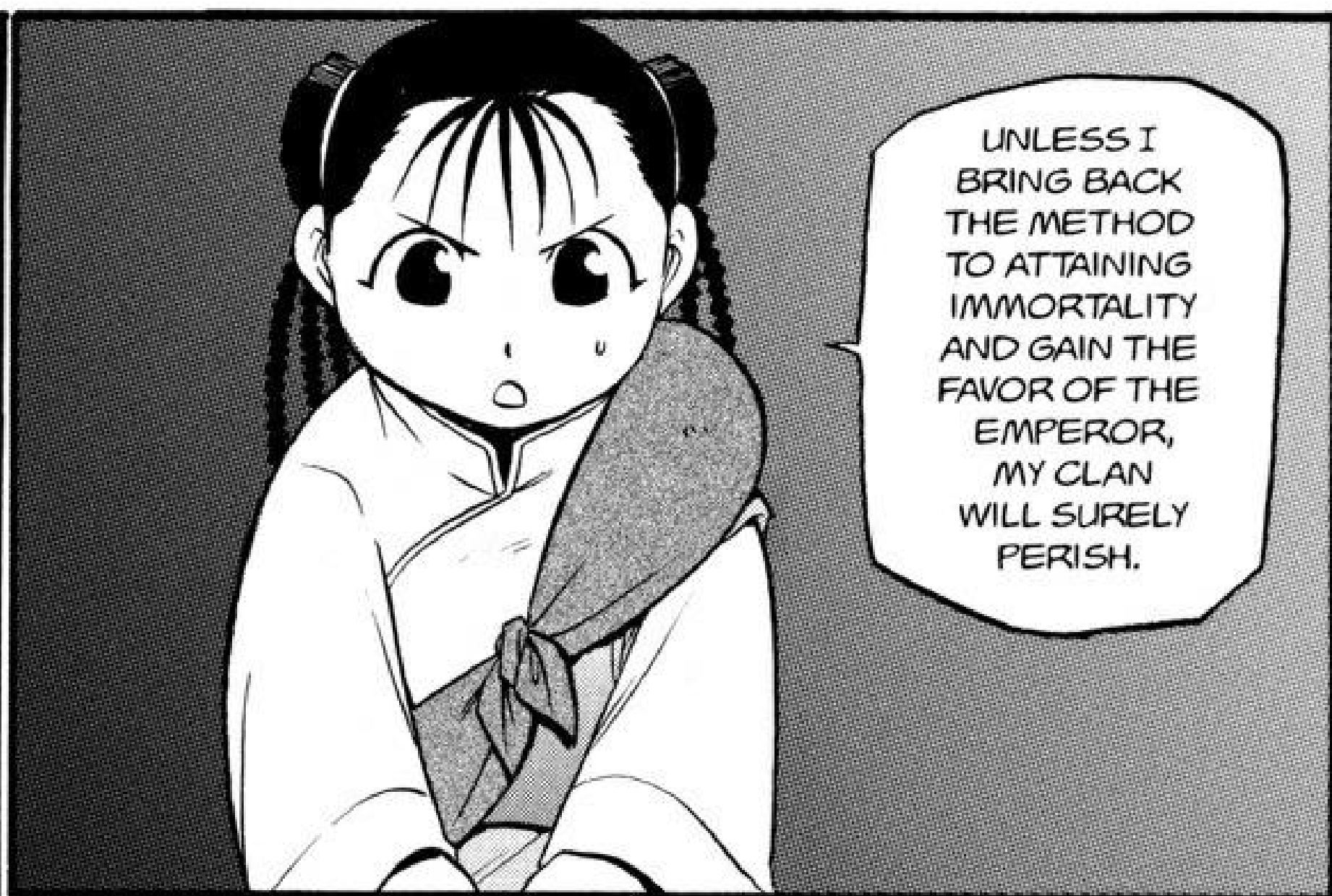
RUB
RUB
RUB



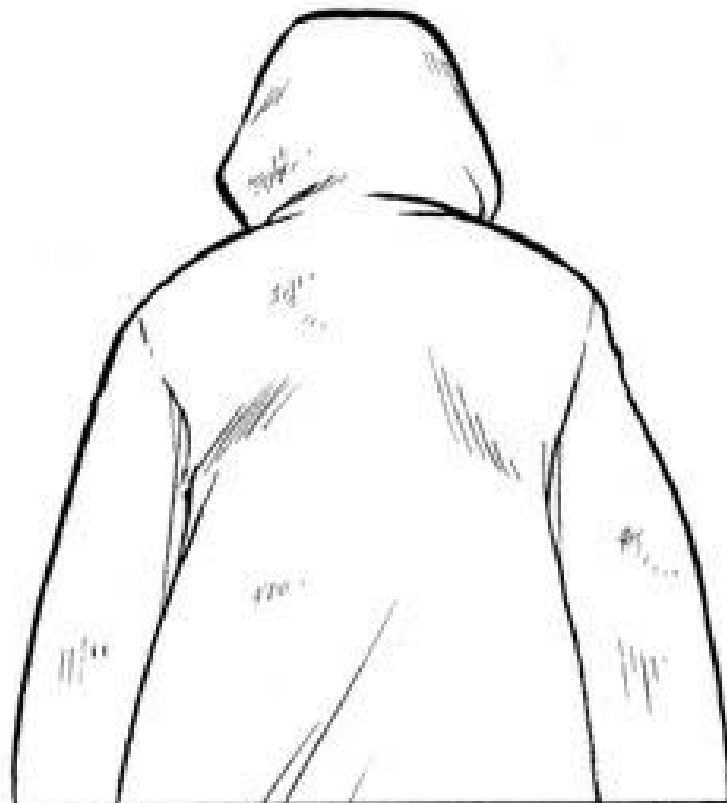








...WERE
WIPED
OUT
IN A
CIVIL
WAR.



HIS
PEOPLE,
THE
ISHBA-
LANS...



I THINK
HE CAN
IDENTIFY
WITH YOUR
CONCERN
FOR THE
FATE
OF YOUR
CLAN.



OH...

WHAT'S
THE
MATTER
?
AREN'T
YOU
COMING
?



HUH!?
THEN
UM...
UH...

NO,
NOT
THAT
EI-
THER

THEN
HOW
ABOUT
MR X
?

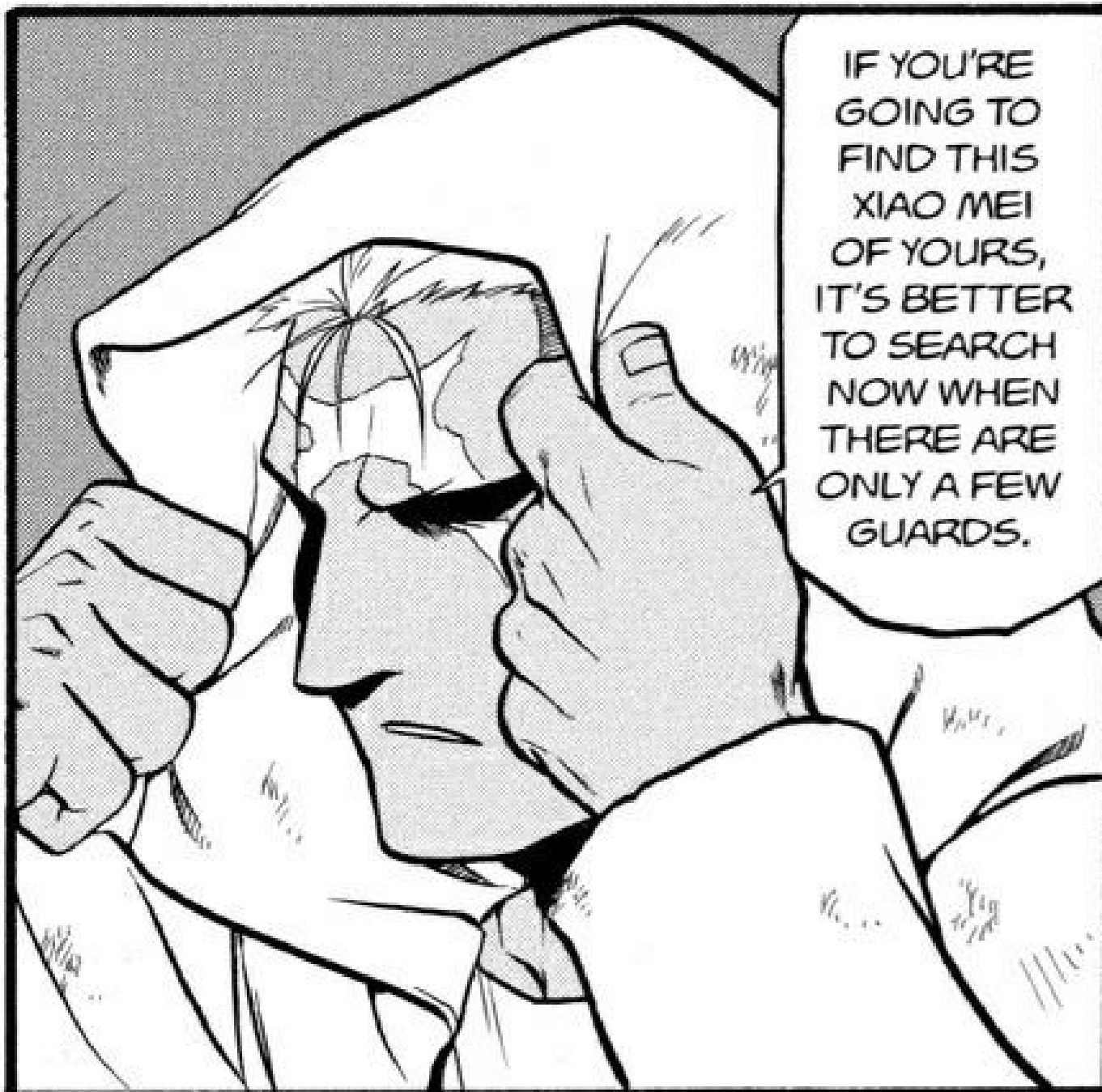
I NEVER
TELL
ANY-
ONE
MY NAME.
CALL ME
WHAT-
EVER
YOU
LIKE.

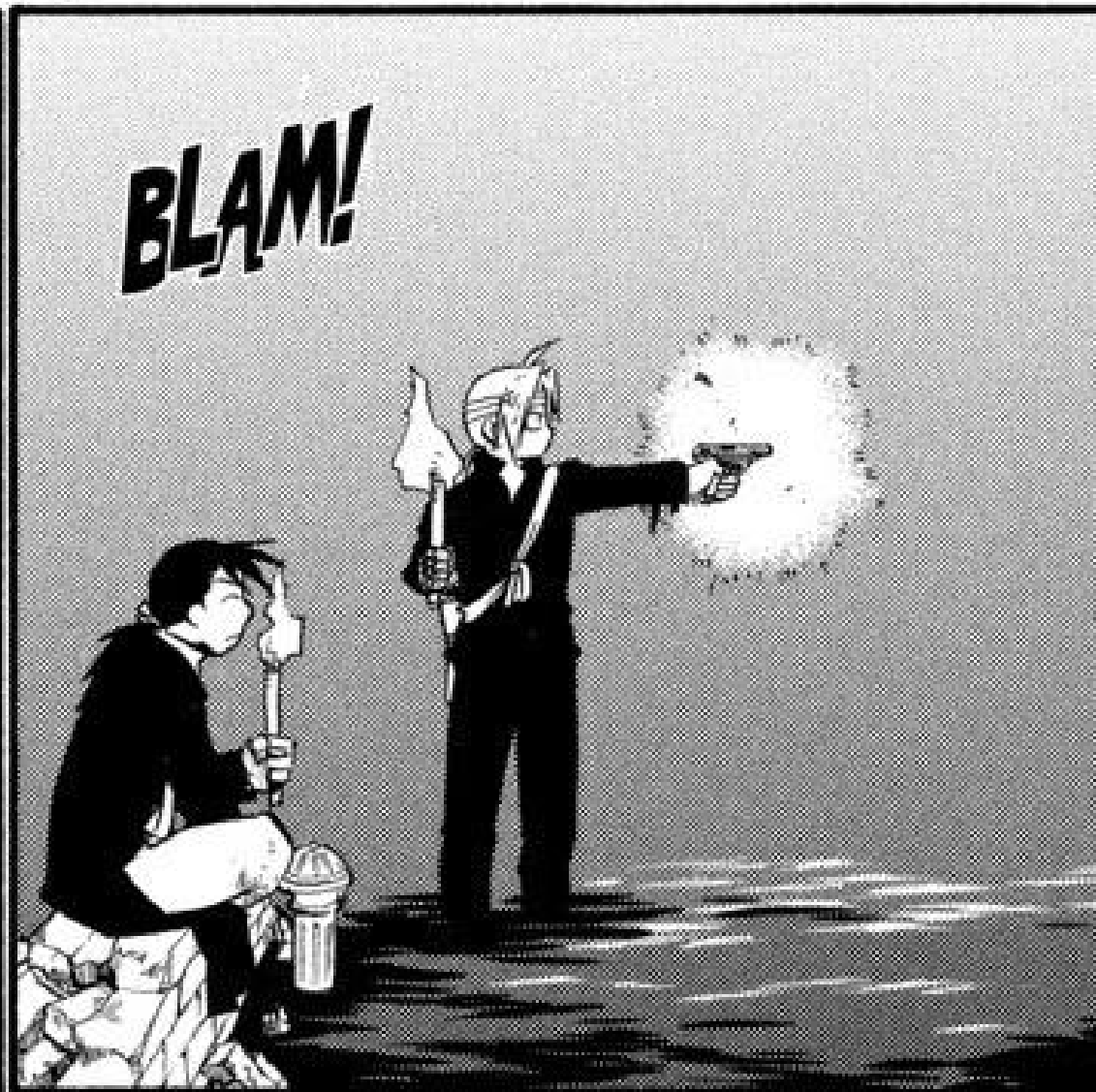
HUH?
THEN
MAY I
ASK YOU
YOUR NAME?

...DON'T
CALL
ME
A
"SER-
VANT."

YES! I'M
COMING,
MR. YOKI'S
SERVANT
!!

TUP
TUP
TUP
TUP
TUP
TUP







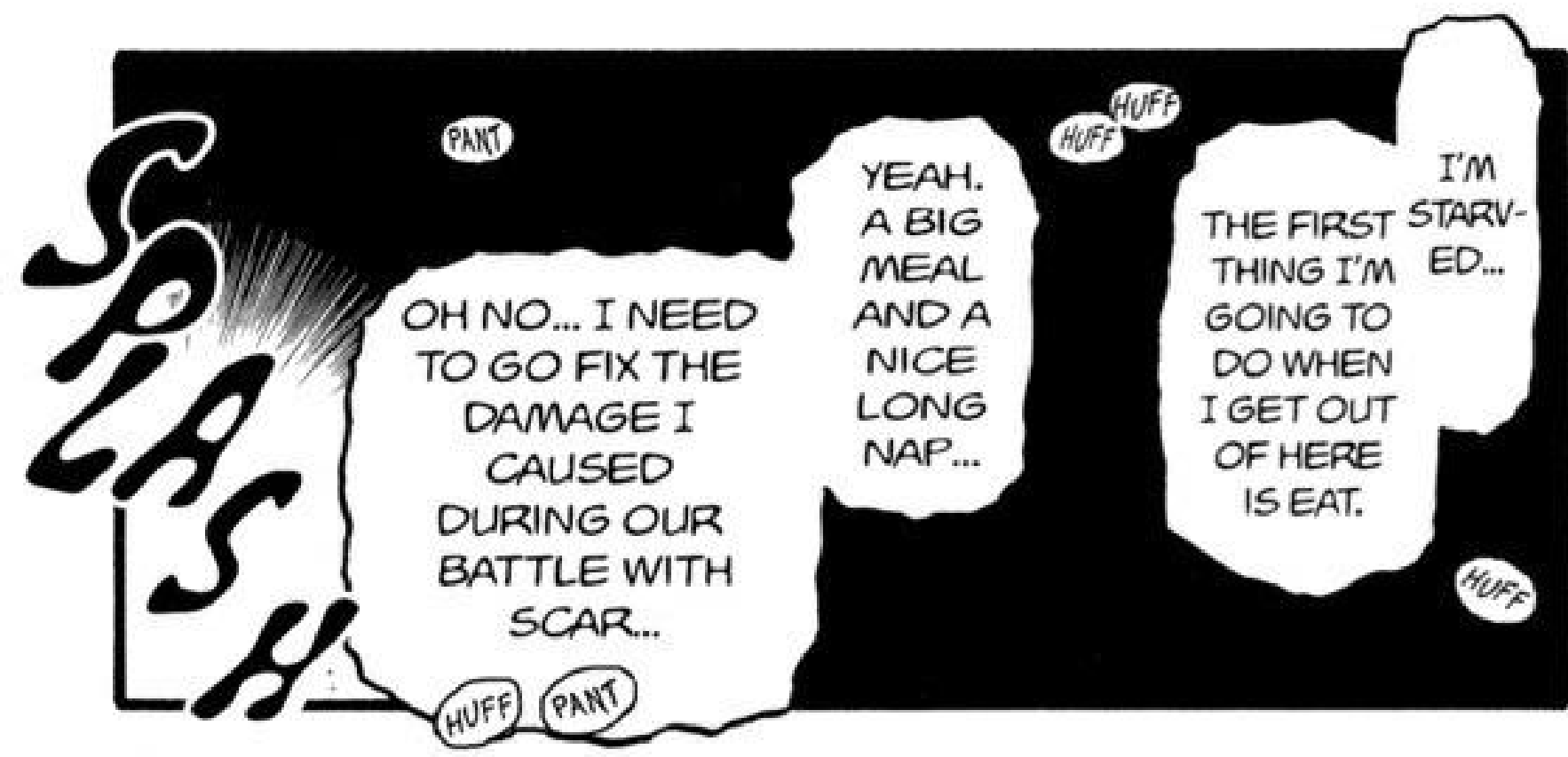
HUFF
HUFF
HANG IN THERE...
THERE... MUST BE AN EXIT... SOMEWHERE...

TRUDGING THROUGH A SEA OF BLOOD...
...MAKES IT EVEN MORE... TIRING...



HOW MANY HOURS HAVE WE BEEN WALKING NOW?

WHO KNOWS?

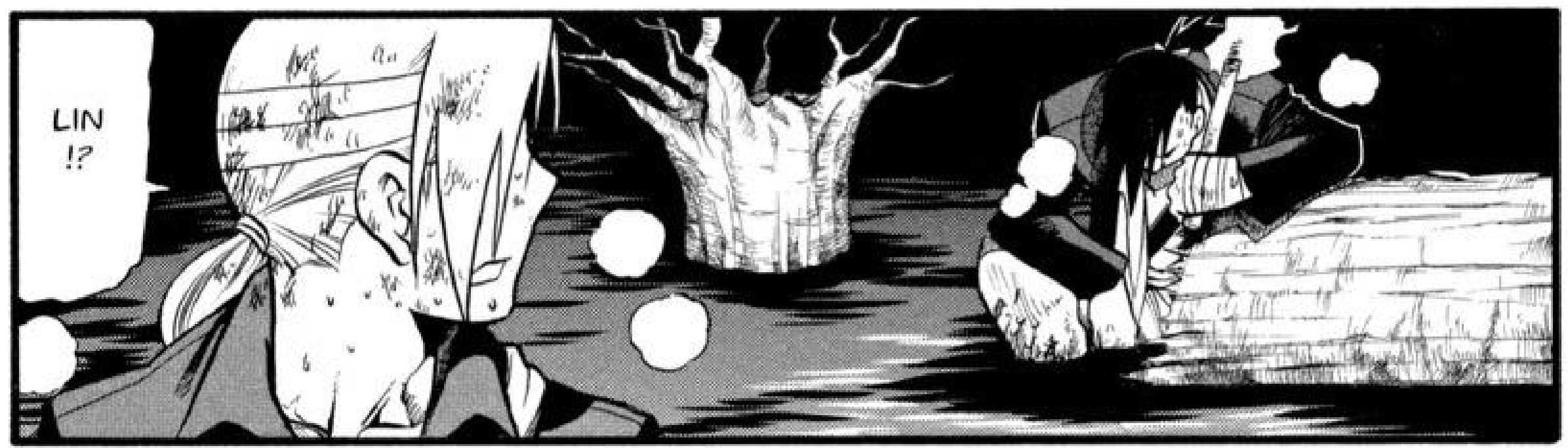


OH NO... I NEED TO GO FIX THE DAMAGE I CAUSED DURING OUR BATTLE WITH SCAR...

YEAH. A BIG MEAL AND A NICE LONG NAP...

THE FIRST THING I'M GOING TO DO WHEN I GET OUT OF HERE IS EAT.

I'M STARVING...



LIN !?



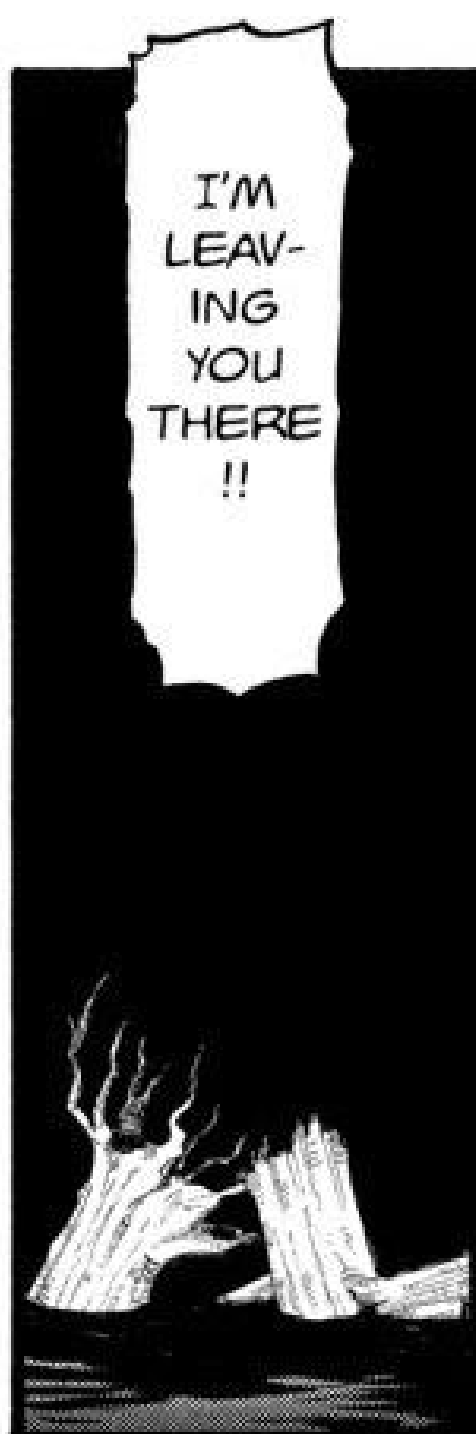
THIS IS NO TIME TO GIVE IN TO YOUR STOMACH !

I'M TOO... HUNGRY...



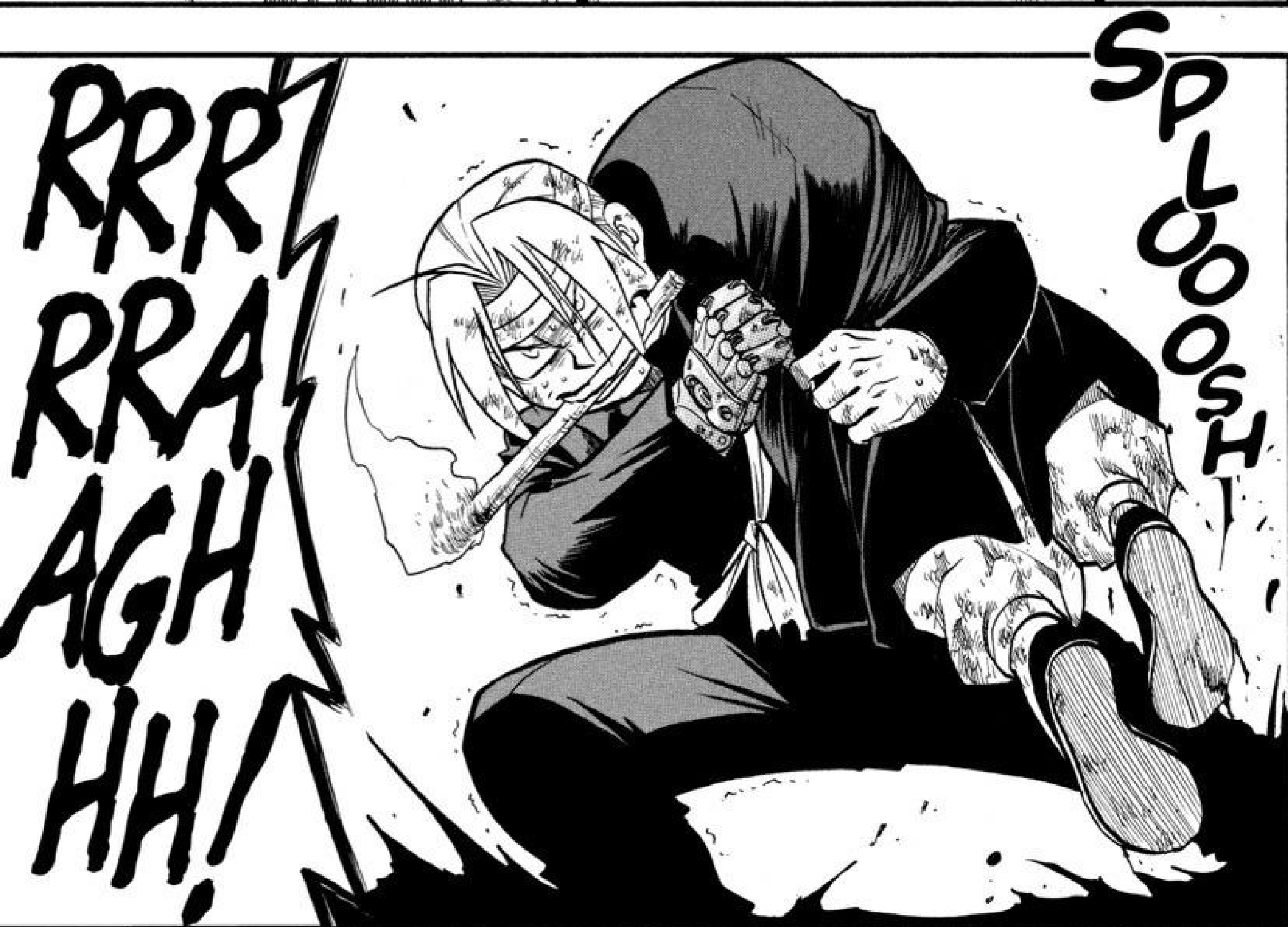
GIVING UP ALREADY? HOW PATHETIC.

I... CAN'T GO... ANY FURTHER...





HUP
!



RRR
RRA
AGH
HH!

S
P
L
O
O
S
H



HUFF

BUT...

...YOU
HAVE
PEOPLE
WAITING
FOR
YOU
TOO,
RIGHT
?

SNORT

I HAVE
NO
INTEN-
TION
OF
DYING
HERE
WITH
YOU!

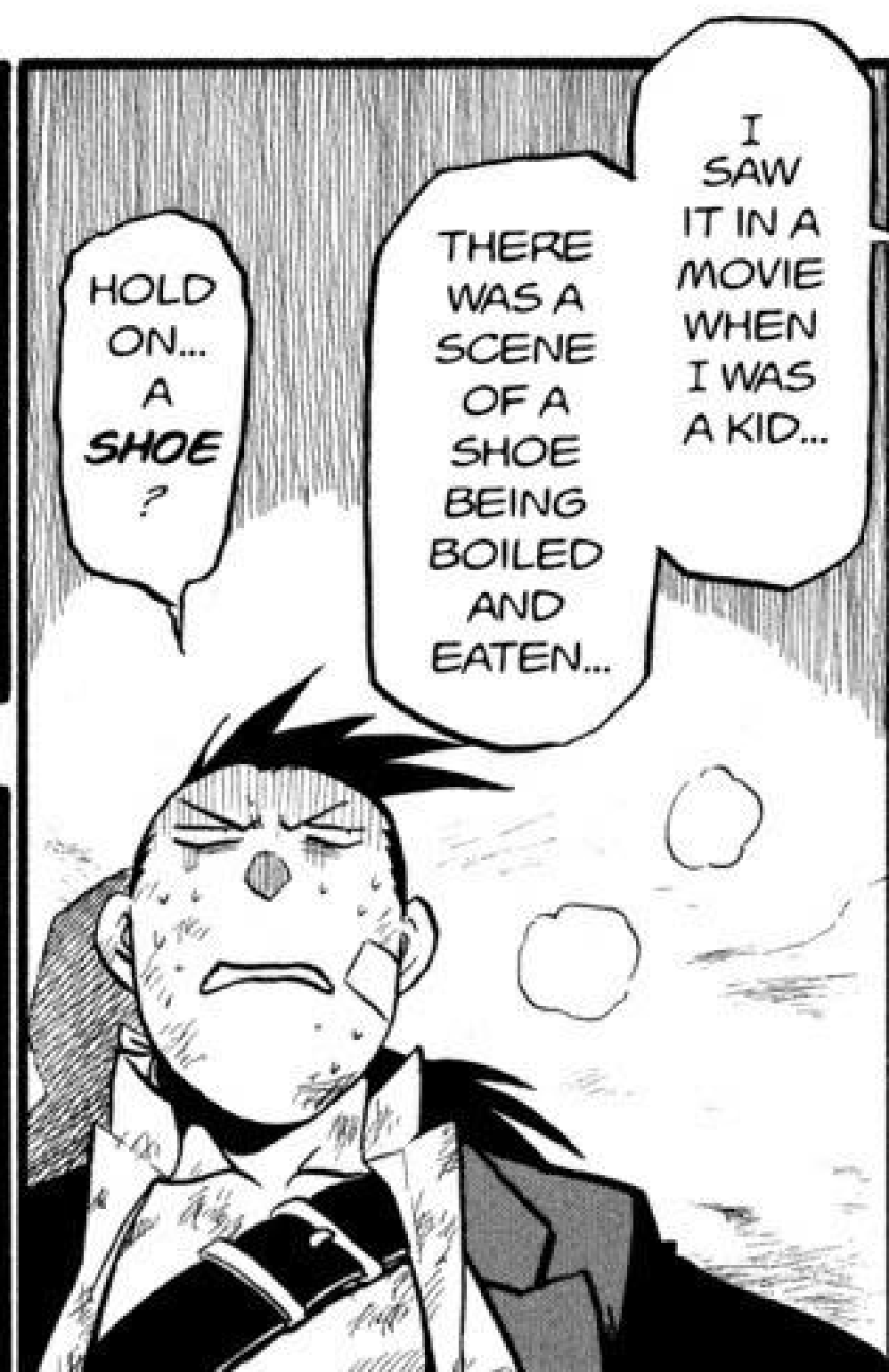
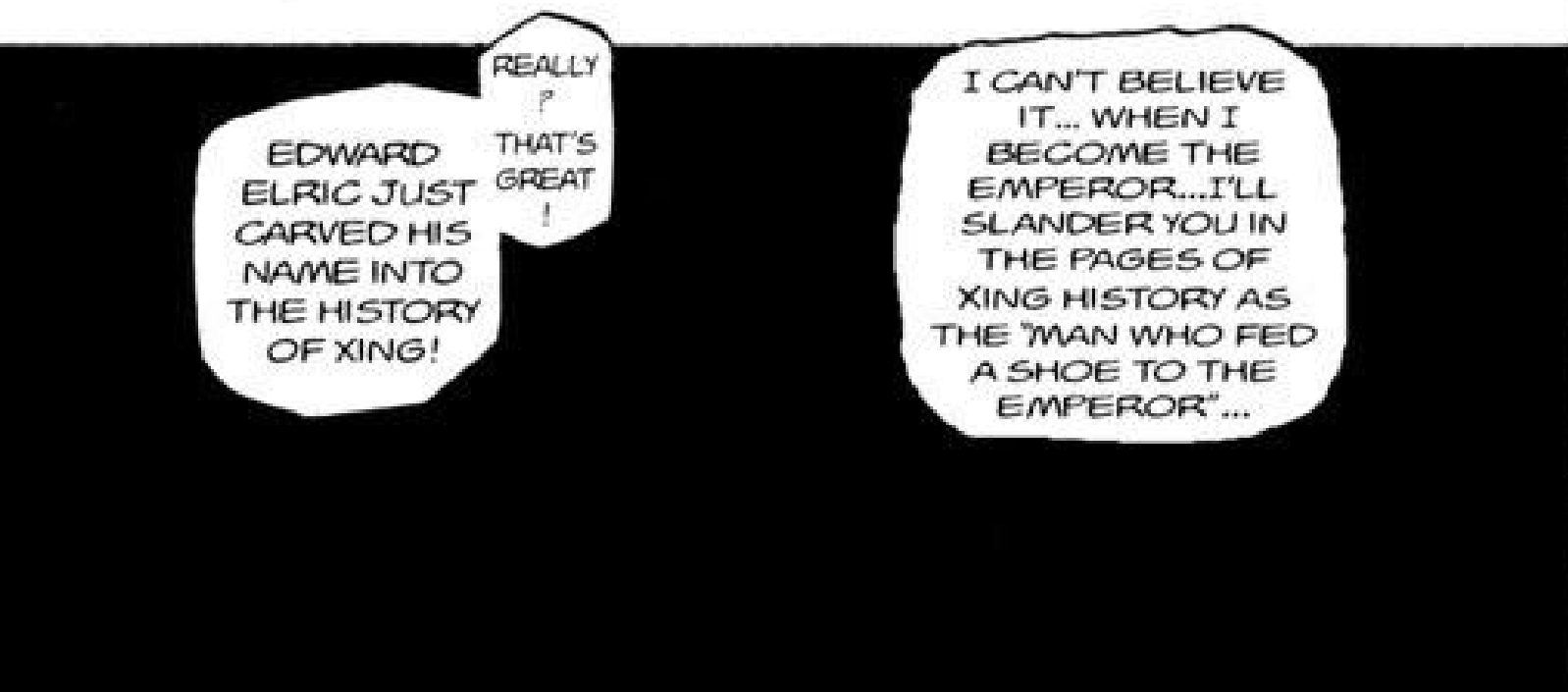
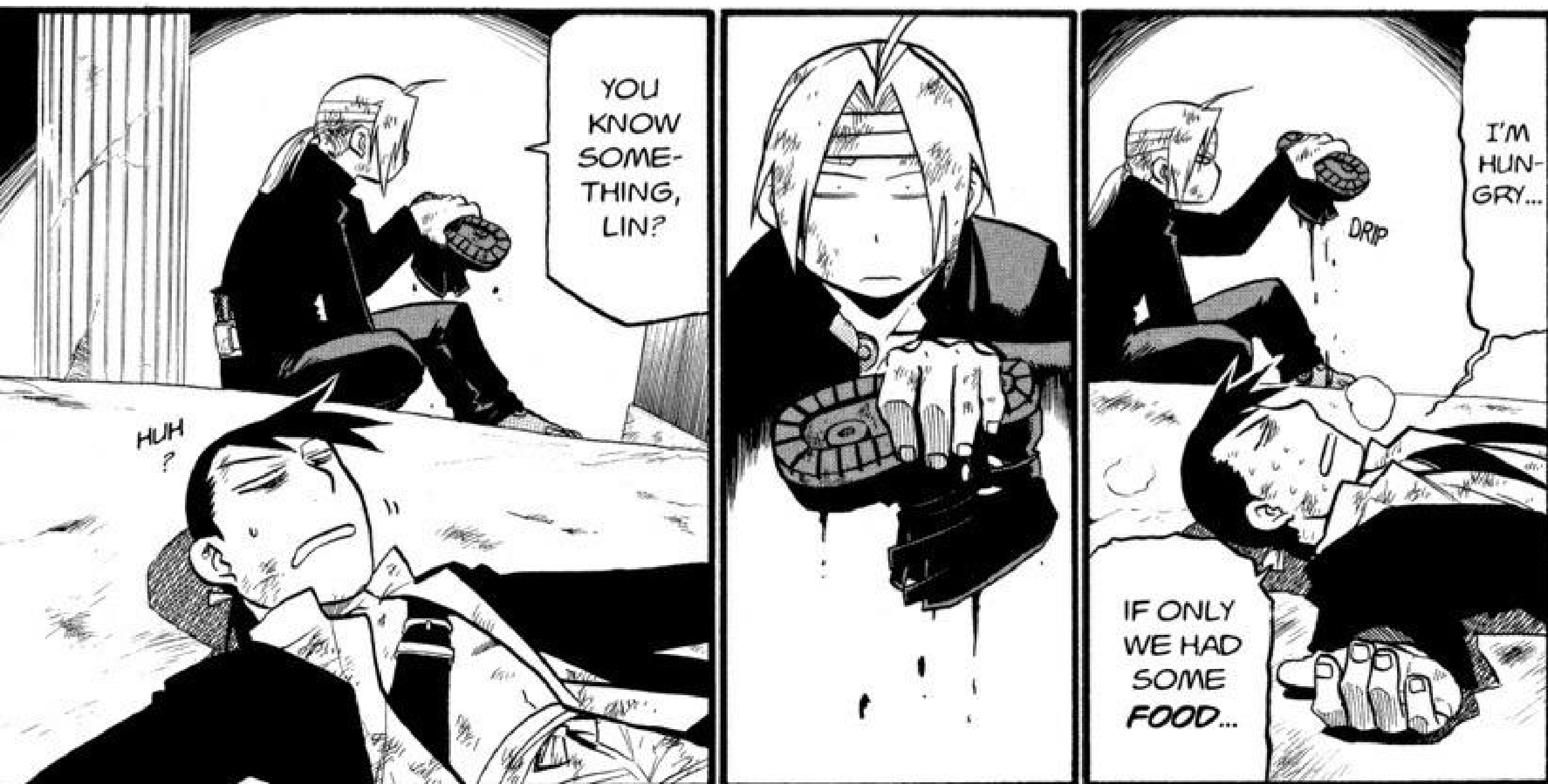
THERE ARE
PEOPLE
WHO ARE
WAITING
FOR ME
TO COME
BACK!

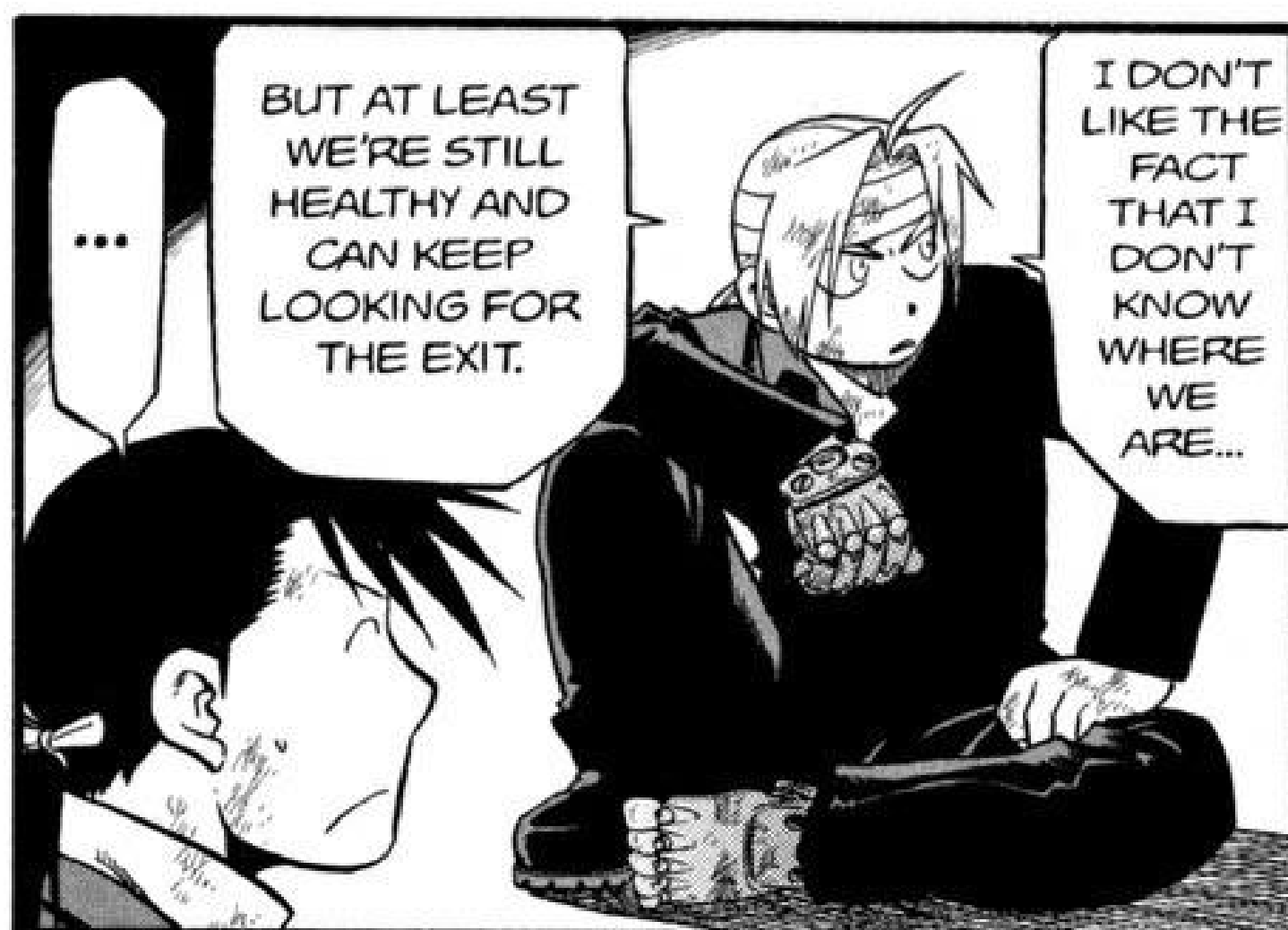
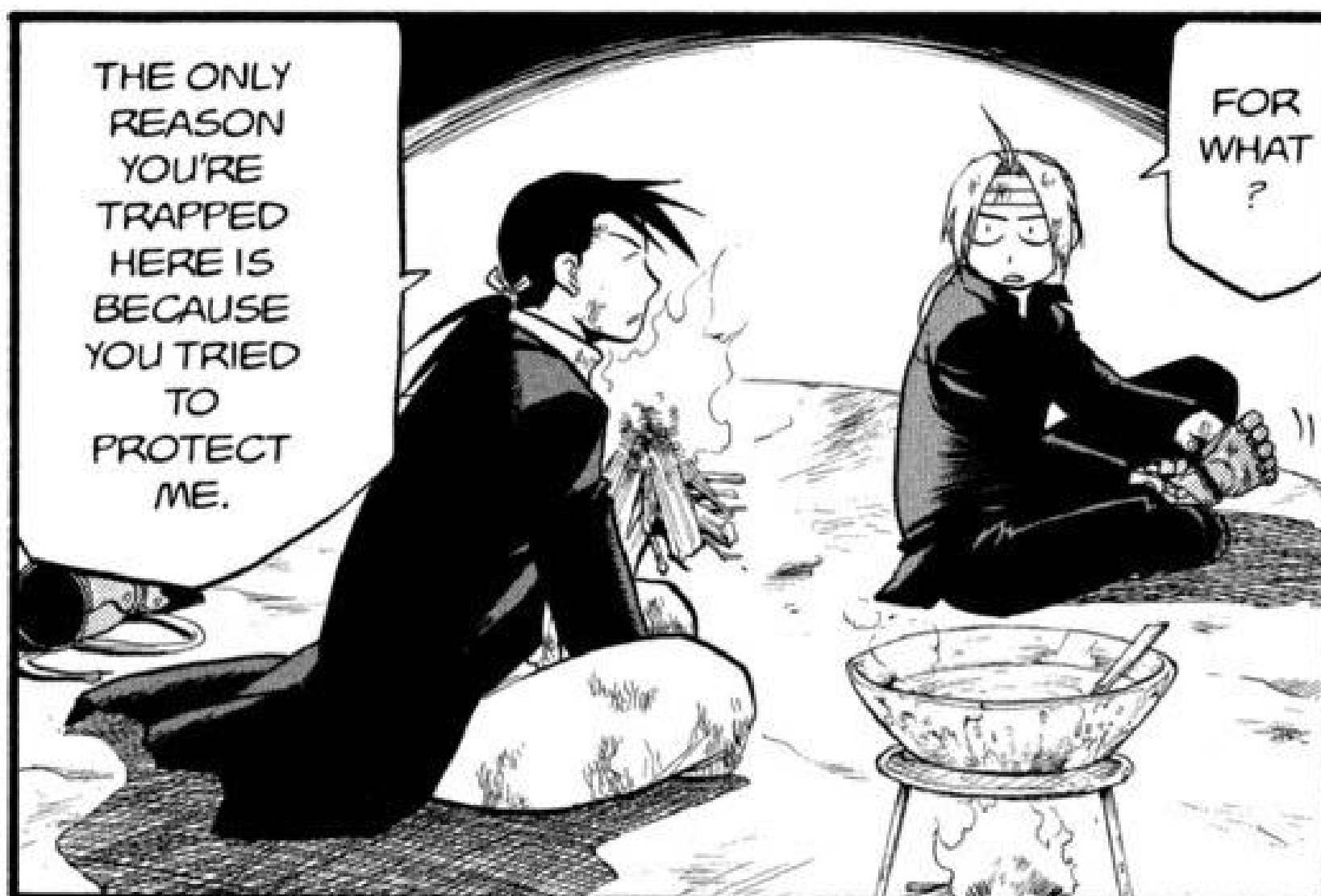
...I
THOUGHT
YOU
WERE
GOING
TO GO
ON BY
YOUR-
SELF?

SLOSH

SLOSH









SIGH... I
GUESS ALL
WE CAN DO
IS KEEP
WALKING.

LET'S
GO.

ALL
RIGHT,
BREAK
TIME IS
OVER.



?
WHAT'S
WRONG
?



WAIT,
ED.



MY, MY...
I SAW
THE LIGHT
AND WAS
WON-
DERING
WHO IT
WAS.

SPL-
SH



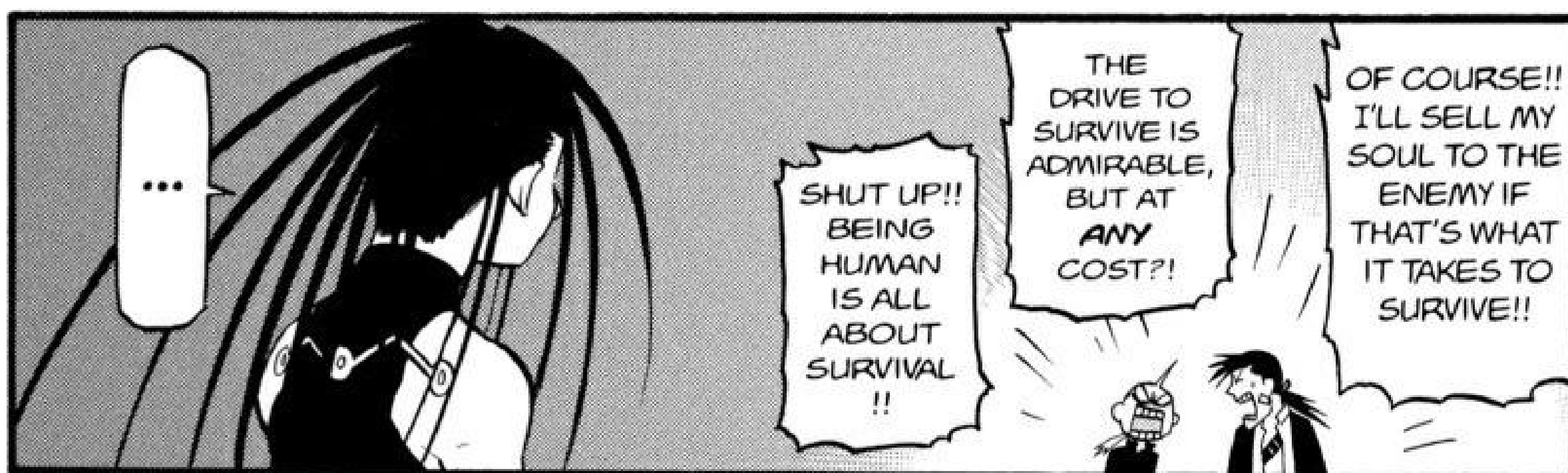
SLOSH
SLOSH
SLOSH

SOME-
THING'S
COMING
!



IT'S...

SLOSH
SLOSH
SLOSH







THE
PORTAL...
WAS
WITHIN
A PURE
WHITE
SPACE.

BUT...THAT
PLACE WASN'T
DARK OR FILLED
WITH A SEA
OF BLOOD!!

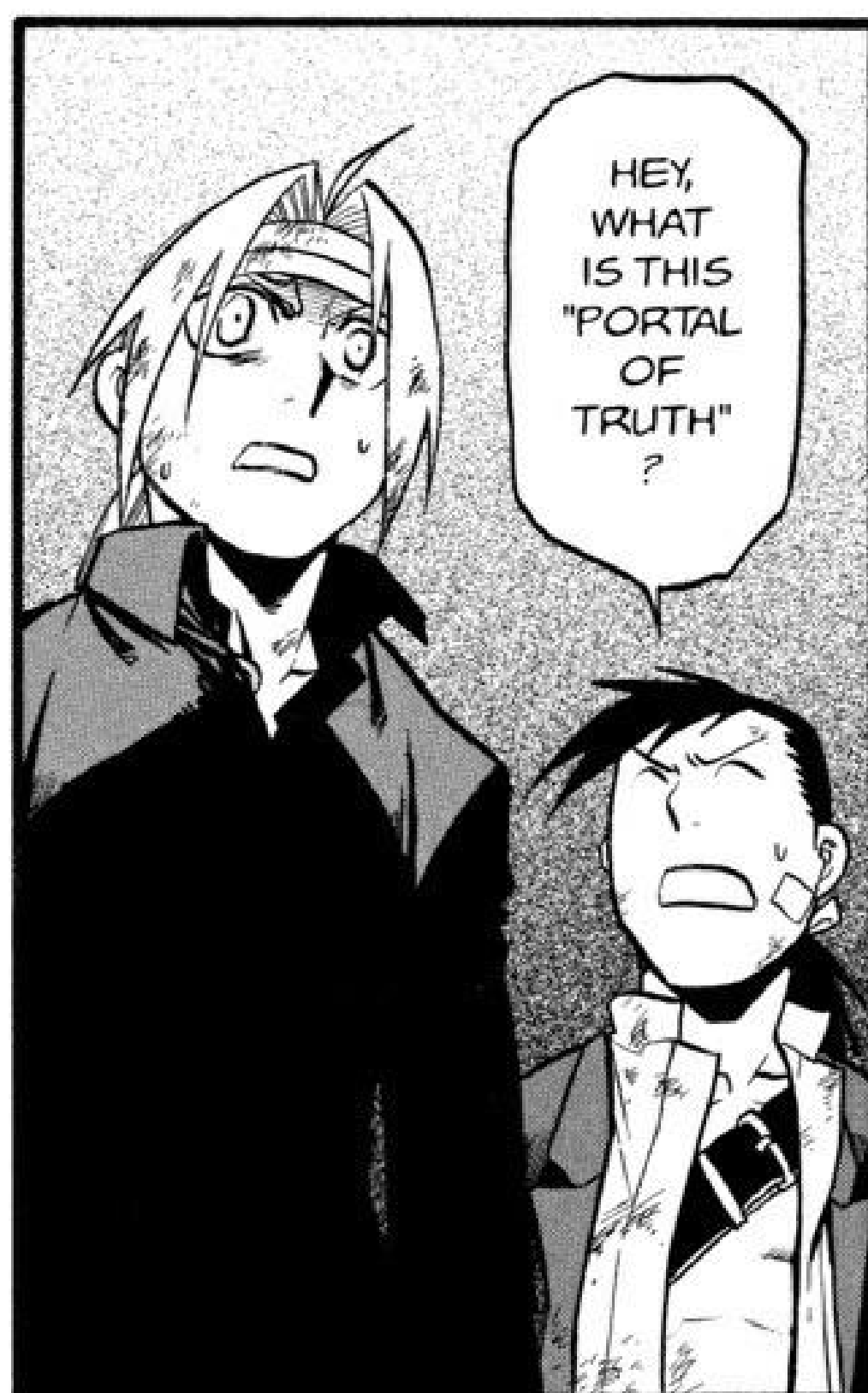


THE
PORTAL
OF
TRUTH
!!



"THE
REAL
PLACE"
!?

HMM...
SO
THAT'S
WHAT
THE
REAL
PLACE
IS
LIKE.



HEY,
WHAT
IS THIS
"PORTAL
OF
TRUTH"
?



THIS
IS...

OR RATHER,
GLUTTONY
IS AN
ARTIFICIAL
PORTAL
OF
TRUTH
CREATED
BY FATHER.

GLUTTONY
IS THE
RESULT
OF A
FAILED
EXPERI-
MENT.

EVEN WITH
FATHER'S
CONSIDERABLE
POWER, HE
COULDN'T
CREATE A
NEW PORTAL.

WE
HAVE
NO
CHOICE
BUT
TO SIT
HERE
AND
DIE!!

...THAT
EXISTS
BETWEEN
REALITY
AND
TRUTH.

THIS
IS
A
PLACE...

THERE
IS NO
EXIT.
NO WAY
TO
LEAVE.

ALL THAT'S
LEFT IS
FOR US
TO RUN
OUT OF
STRENGTH
AND WAIT
FOR OUR
LIVES TO
END!

NO
ONE
CAN
GET
OUT
OF
HERE.





WE
MADE
A
PROMISE
!!

IF
I DIE,
WHAT'S
GONNA
HAPPEN
TO
AL?

IT
CAN'T
BE
TRUE...



THERE'S NO EXIT...

WE'RE GOING
TO DIE HERE...?



IS IT
PRESI-
DENT
BRAD-
LEY?

WHO IS
THIS "FATHER"
OF YOURS
WHO WANTS
A PORTAL
SO BADLY
THAT HE
WOULD TRY
TO CREATE
ONE?

I
WANT
ANSWERS
!



...AND
NEEDING
SOME-
ONE
TO
OPEN
IT.

YOU
PEOPLE
KEEP
TALKING
ABOUT
THE
PORTAL...



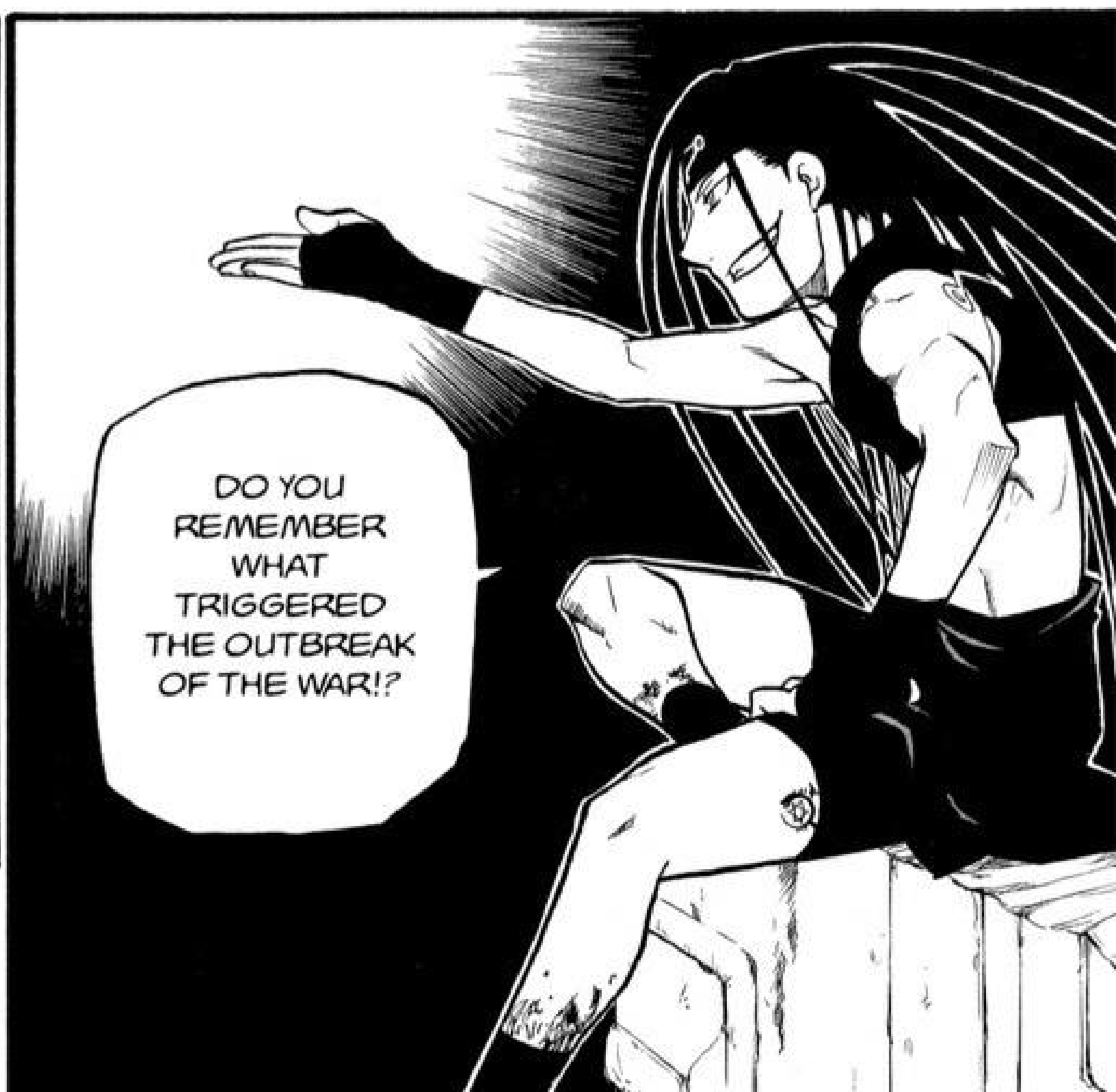
HE
CALLED
HIM A
BRAT...

HOW
CAN A
BRAT
LIKE
HIM BE
OUR
FATHER
!?

HAH
!

BRAD-
LEY
?

THEN
THE
PRESIDENT
IS ALSO
AN
ARTIFICIAL
HUMAN,
ISN'T
HE?





I WATCHED AS
THE CARNAGE
OF WAR RIPPLED
OUTWARD UNTIL
IT CONSUMED
THE ENTIRE
COUNTRY. IT WAS
BEAUTIFUL!



WITH
A
SINGLE
BULLET...

IT
WAS
VERY
AMUS-
ING
!!



HUMANS
ARE SUCH
EASY
CREA-
TURES
TO MANIPU-
LATE!

THE
FOOL
FACED
A
MILITARY
TRIBUNAL
FOR
WHAT
I
DID!



WHEN I DID
THE SHOOTING,
I DISGUISED
MYSELF AS
AN OFFICER
WHO HAD BEEN
AGAINST THE
MILITARY'S
INVOLVEMENT
IN ISHBAL.

OH,
AND
BY
THE
WAY...

...AM THE
ONE WHO
SHOT AND
KILLED
THAT
CHILD!!

I,
ENVY...





YOU'RE THE ONE WHO SHOT AND KILLED THAT INNOCENT CHILD. YOU CAUSED THE CIVIL WAR.

SO IT WAS YOU.



I WAS ABLE TO START A CIVIL WAR AND ELIMINATE THE OPPOSITION IN ONE FELL SWOOP. HOW'S THAT FOR KILLING TWO BIRDS WITH ONE STONE!?



YOU CAUSED A KILLER LIKE SCAR TO BE BORN.

YOU TURNED THE ISH-BALANS INTO REFUGEES.

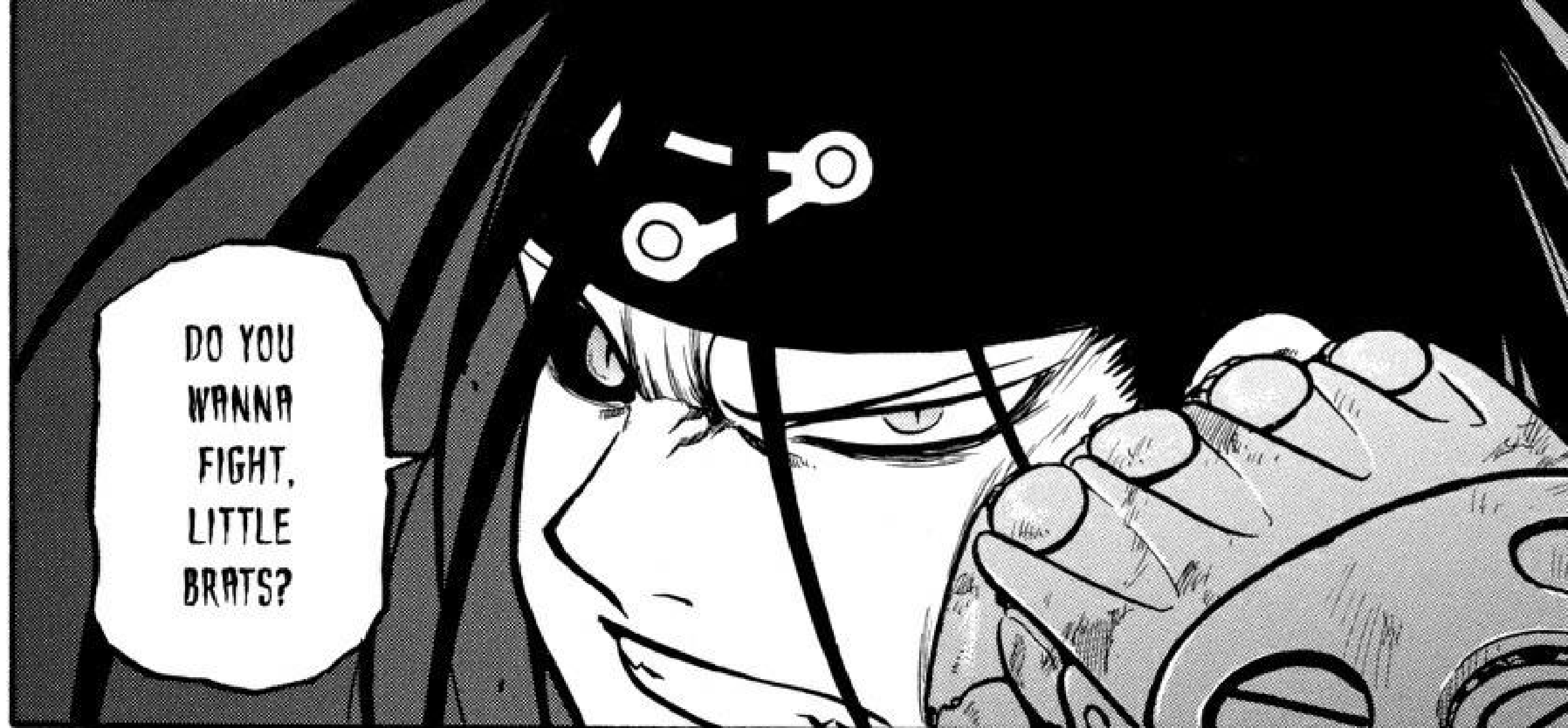
YOU LEFT THE EAST AREA IN RUINS... MY HOME-TOWN.

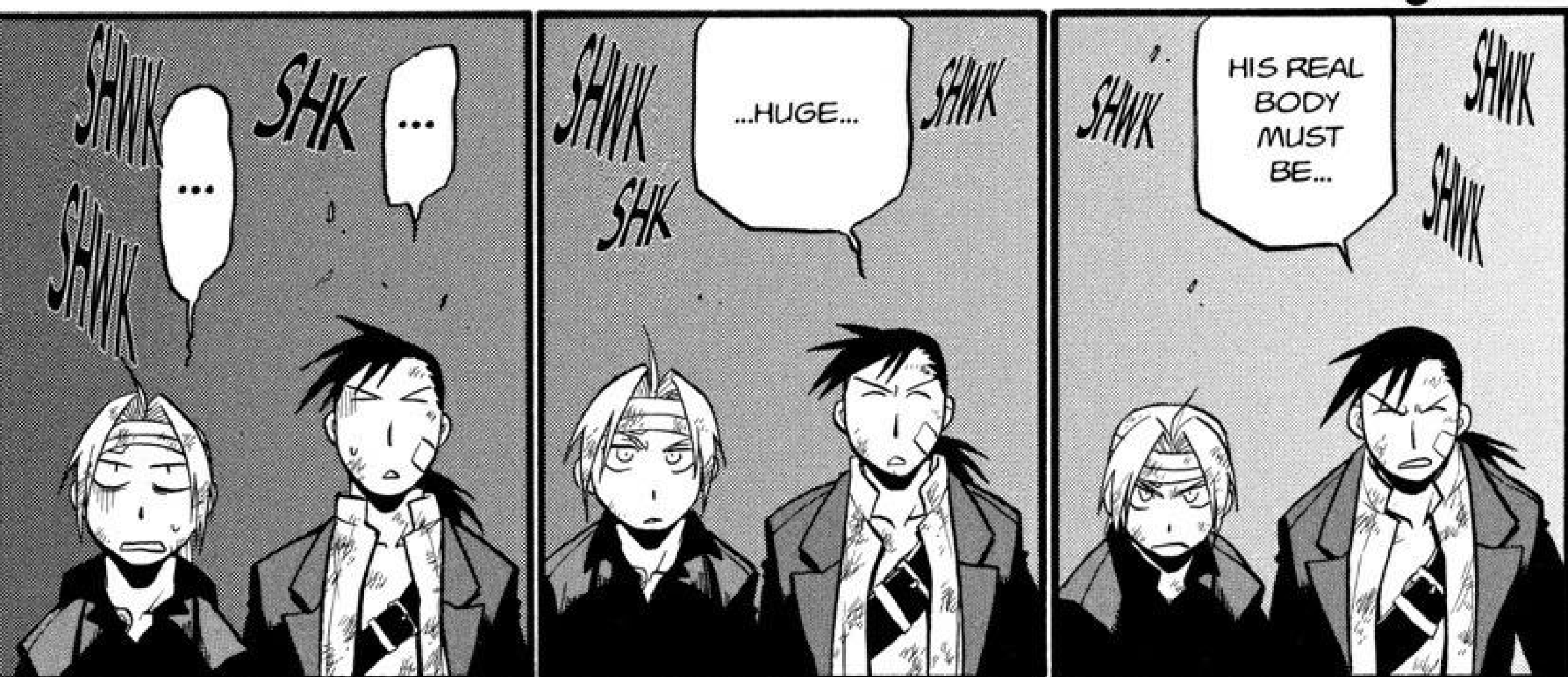
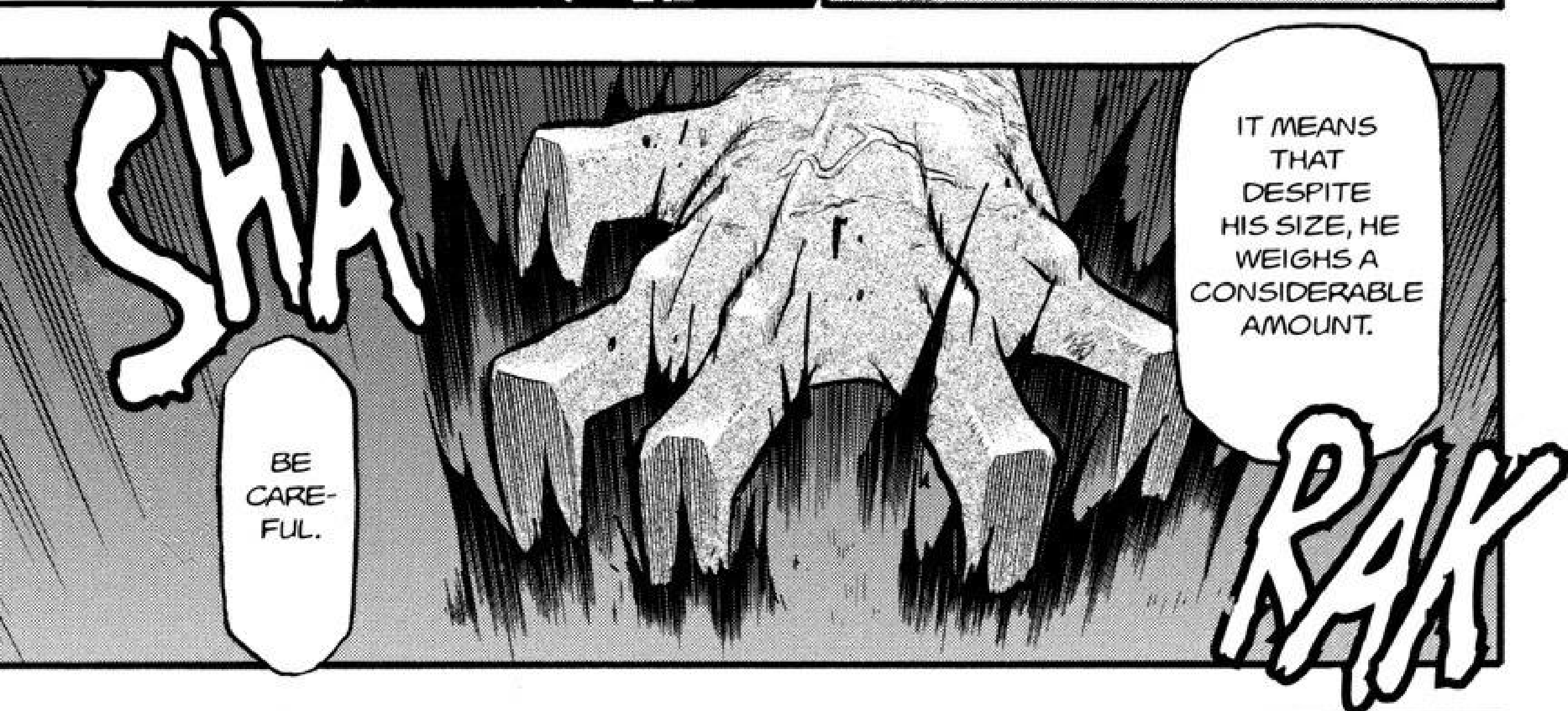
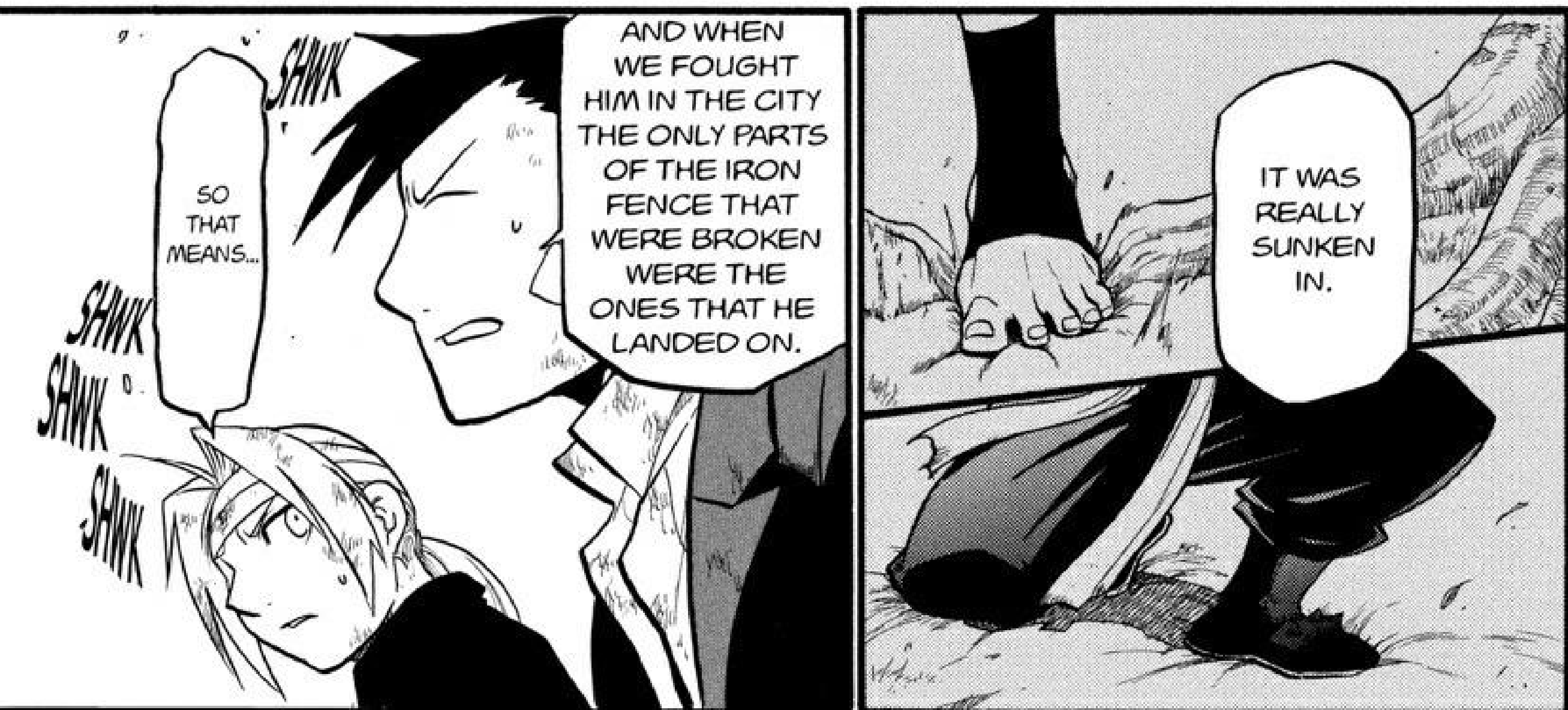


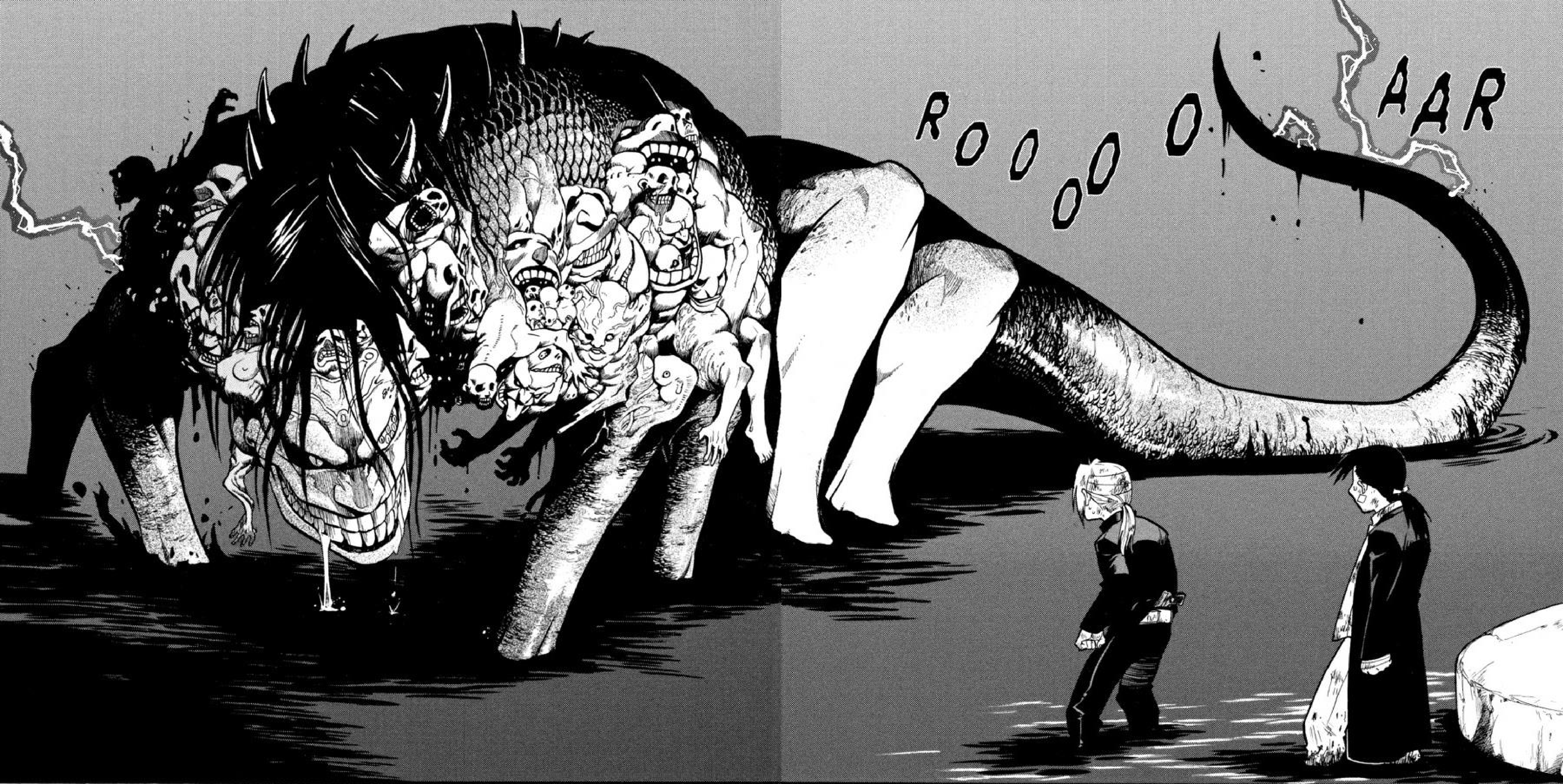
THE WAR THAT TOOK THE LIVES OF WINRY'S PARENTS...

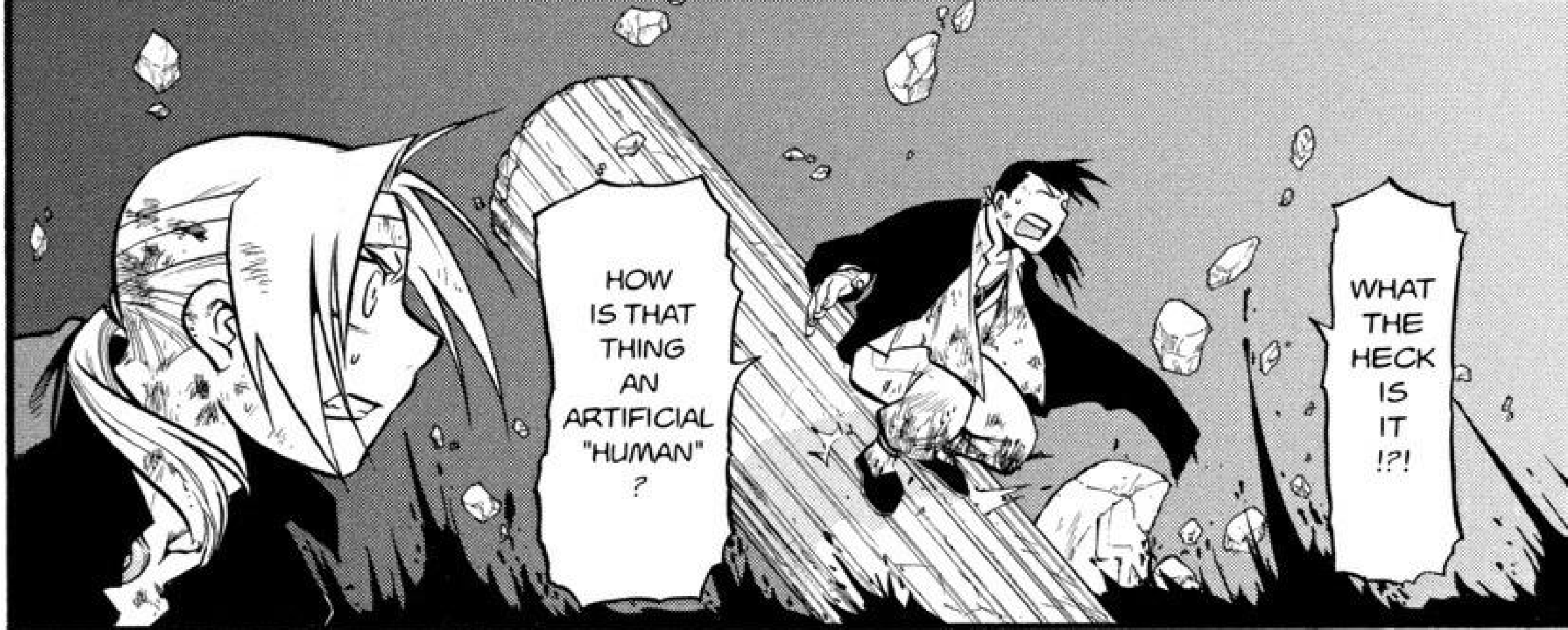
THE...



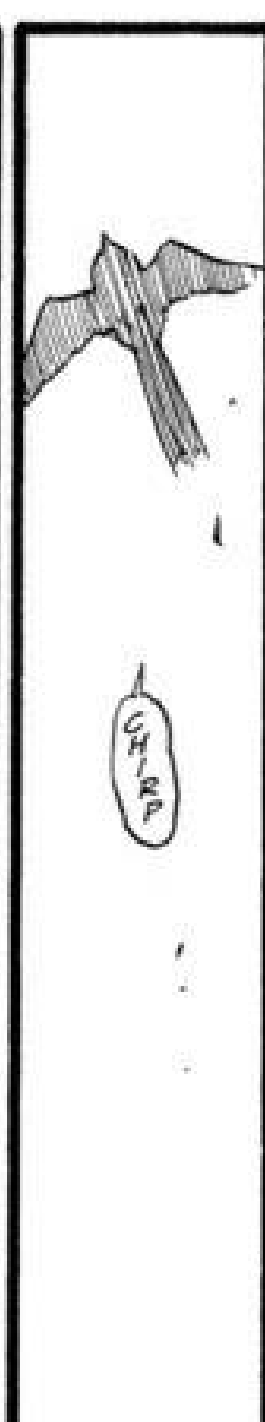
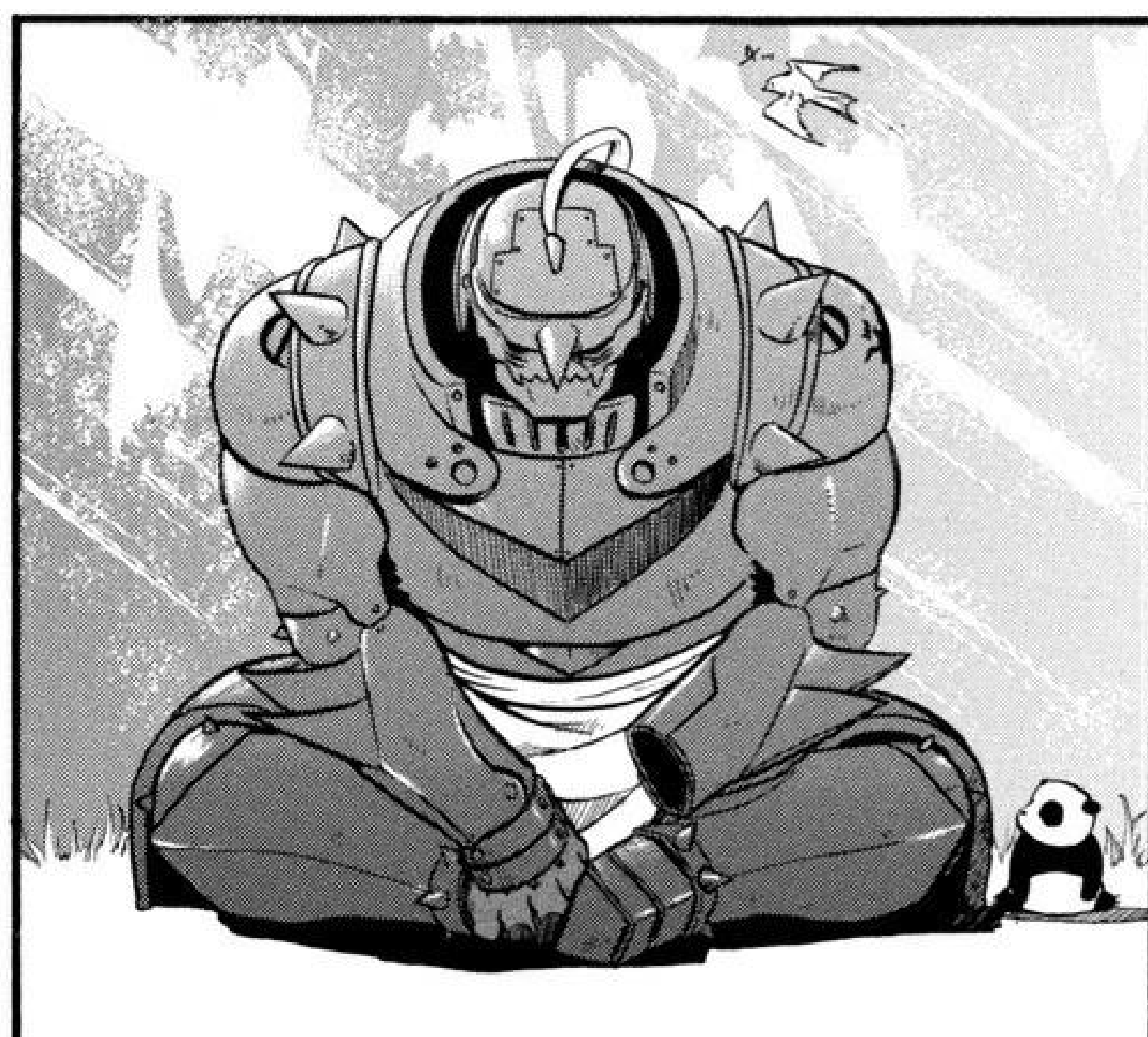
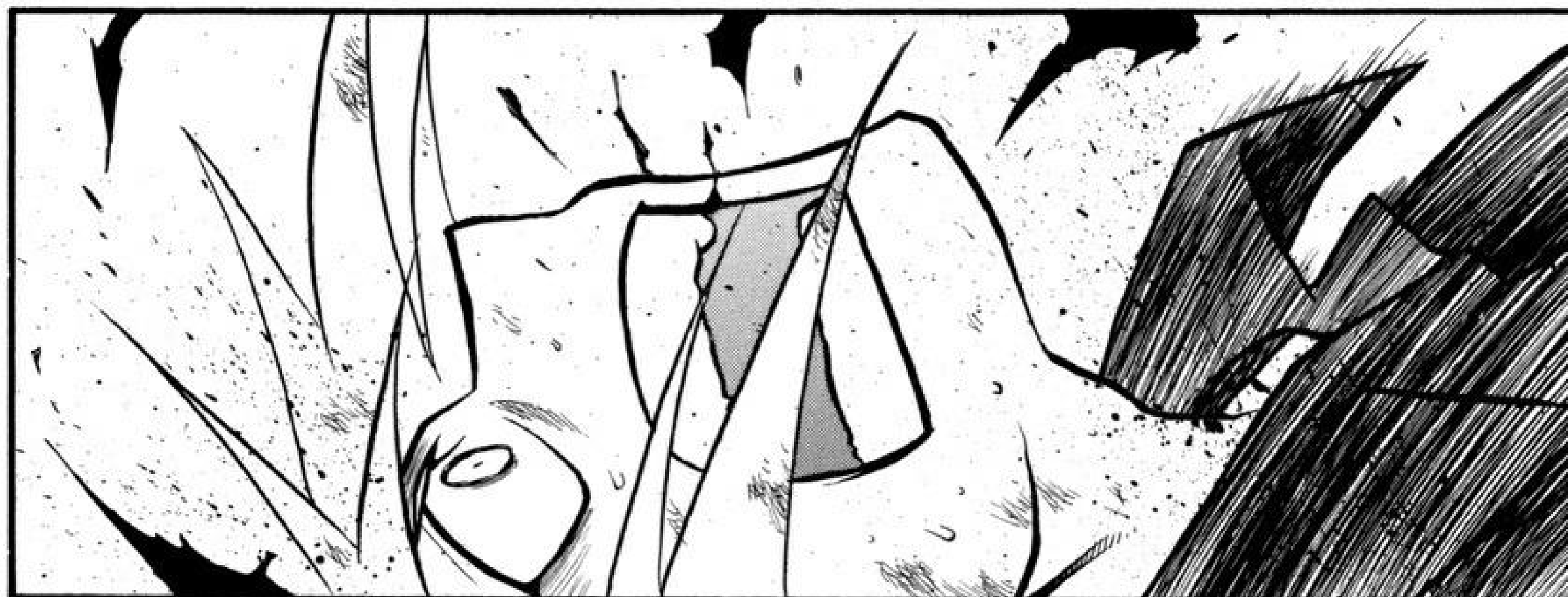
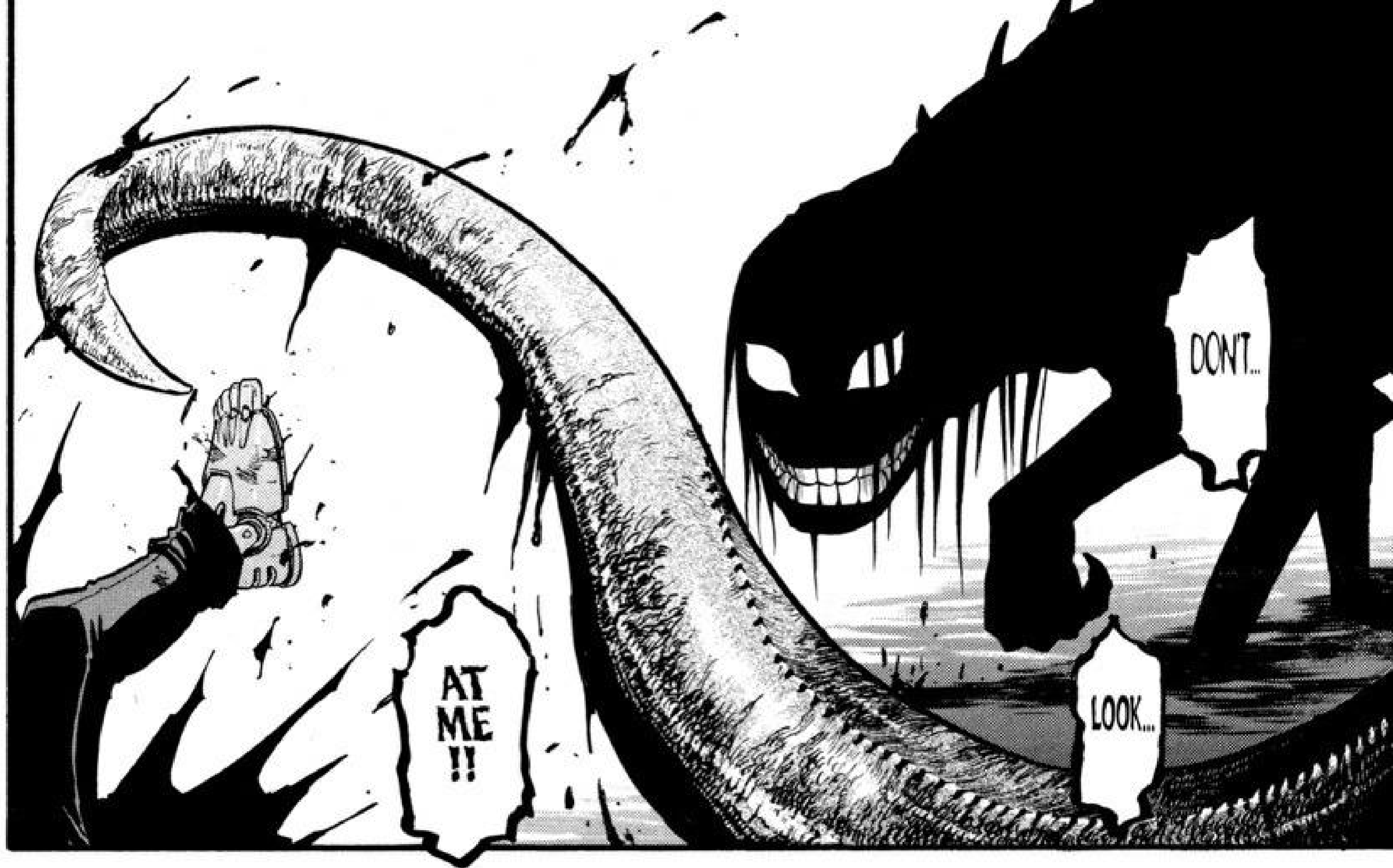


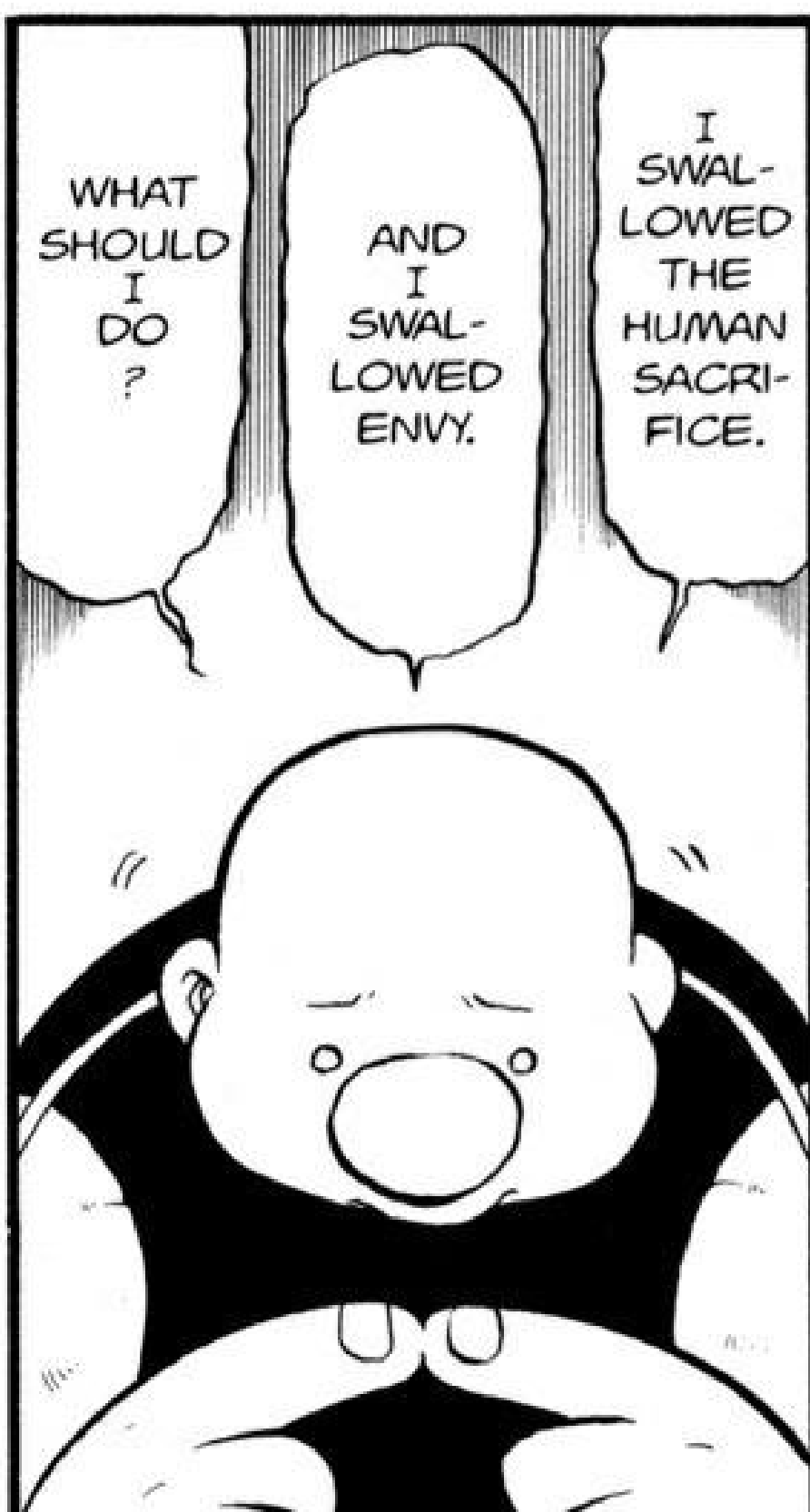
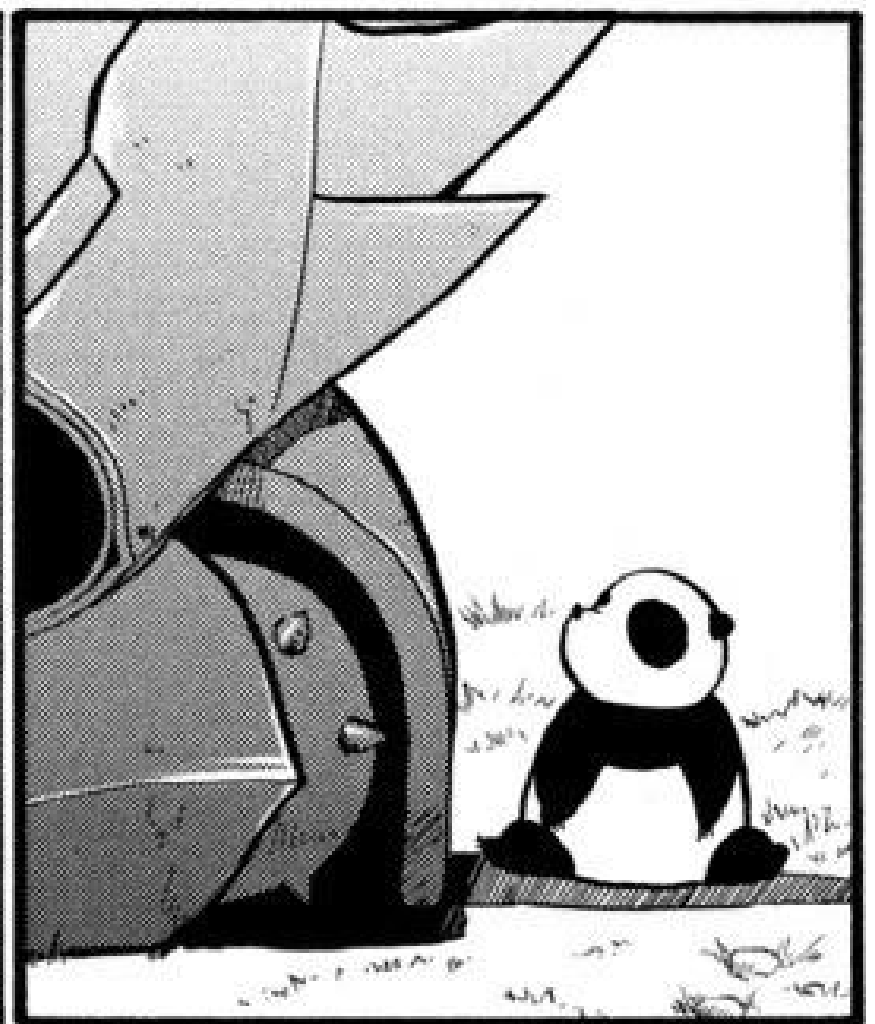
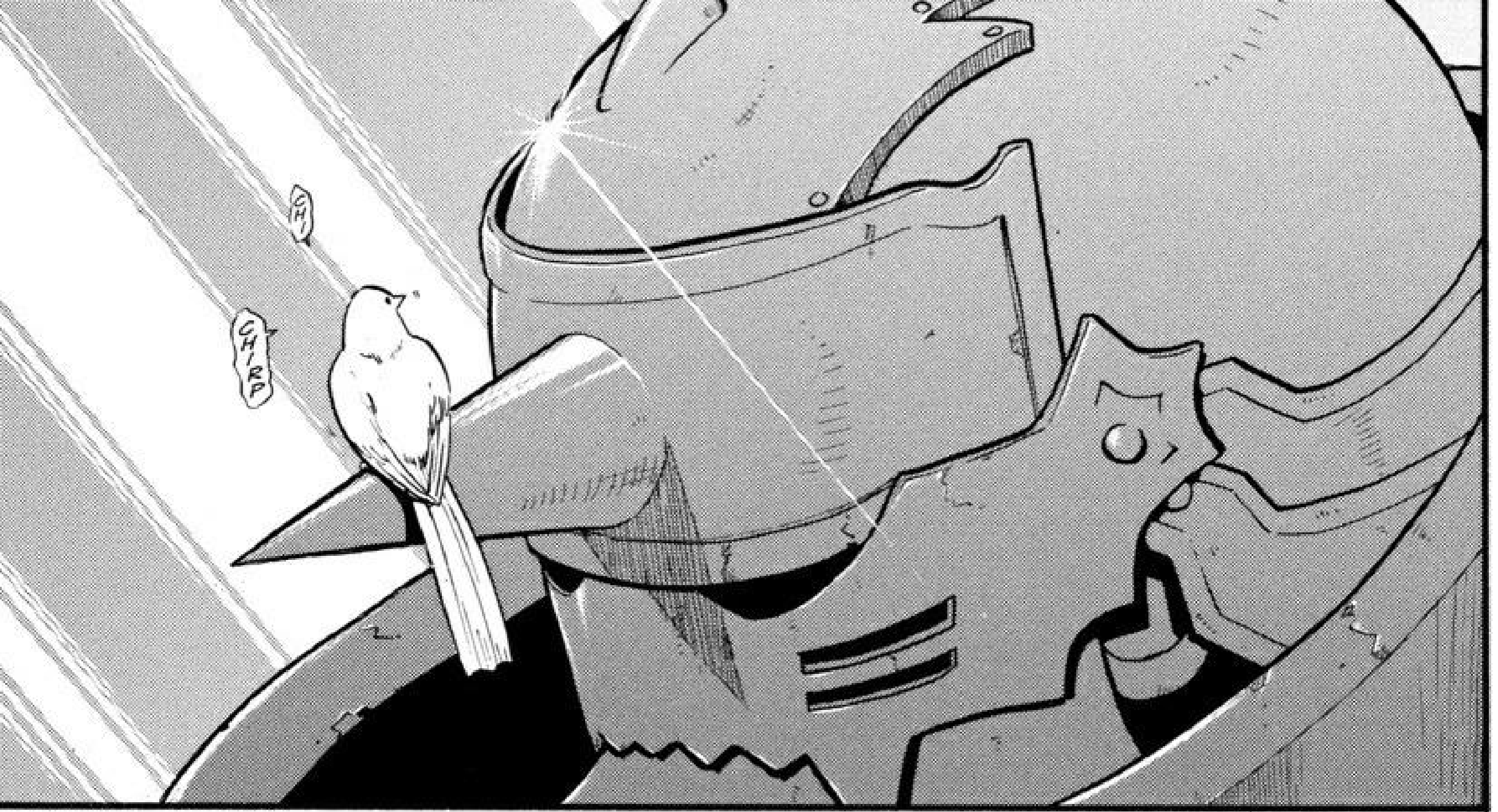


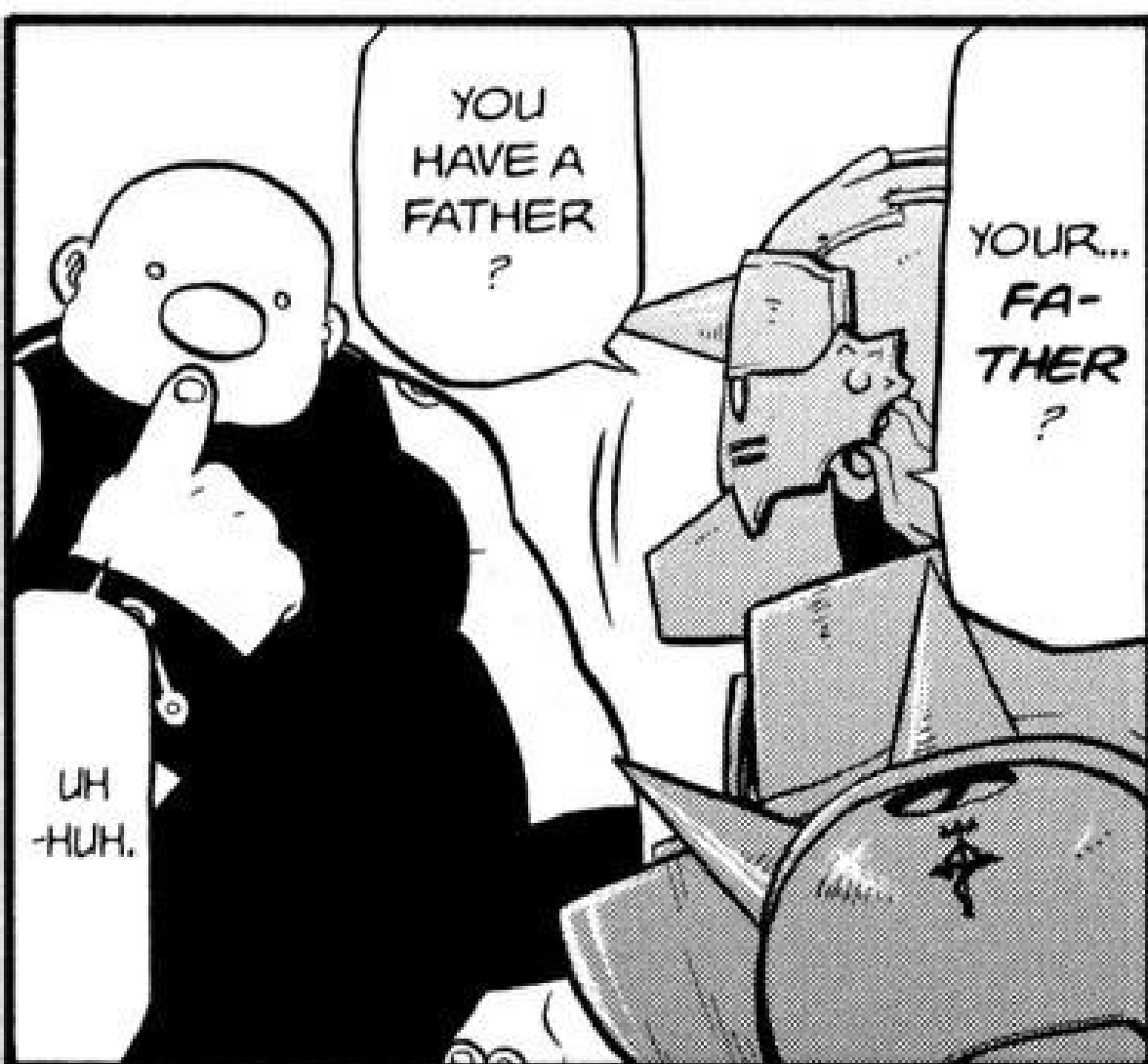
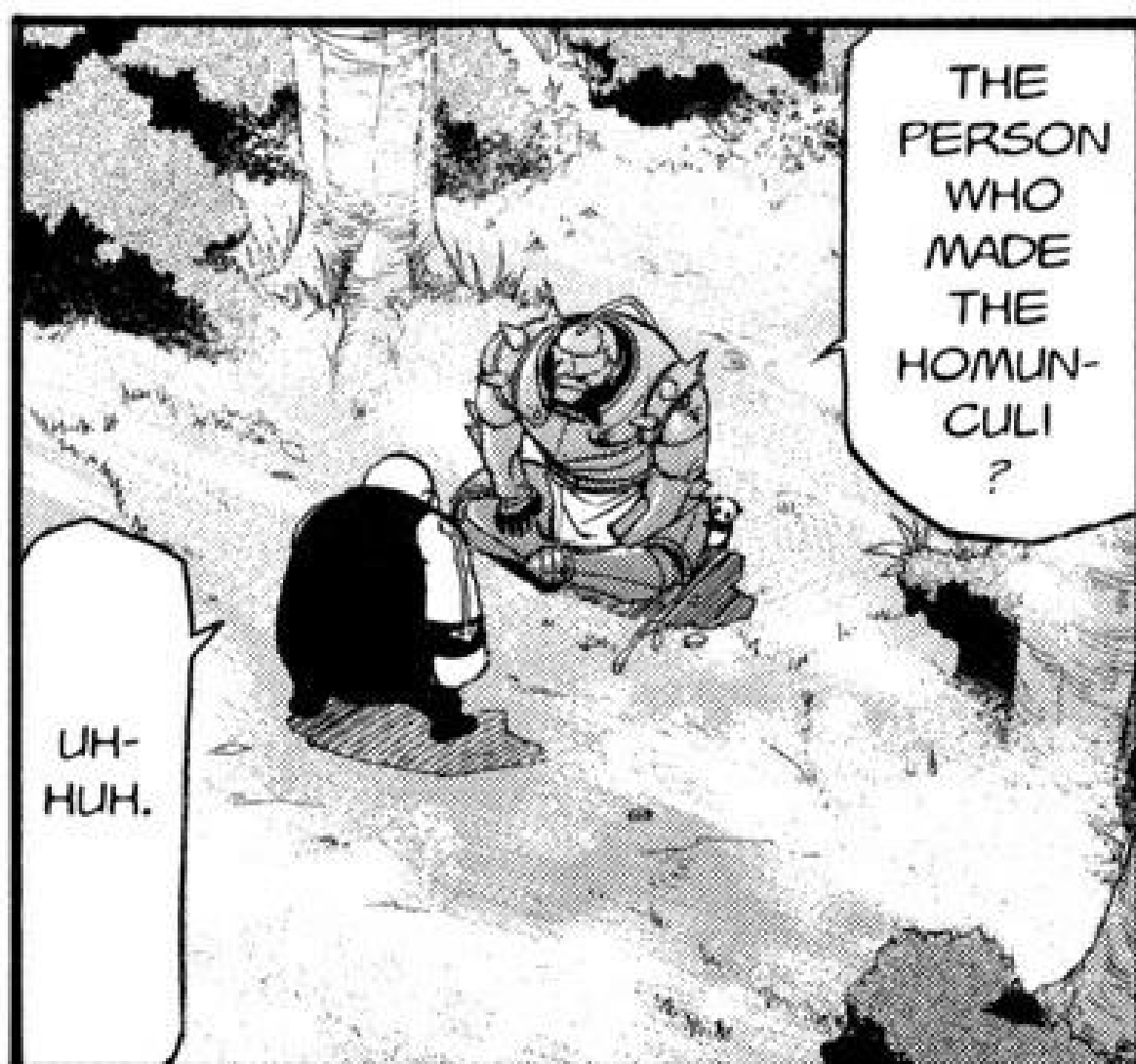
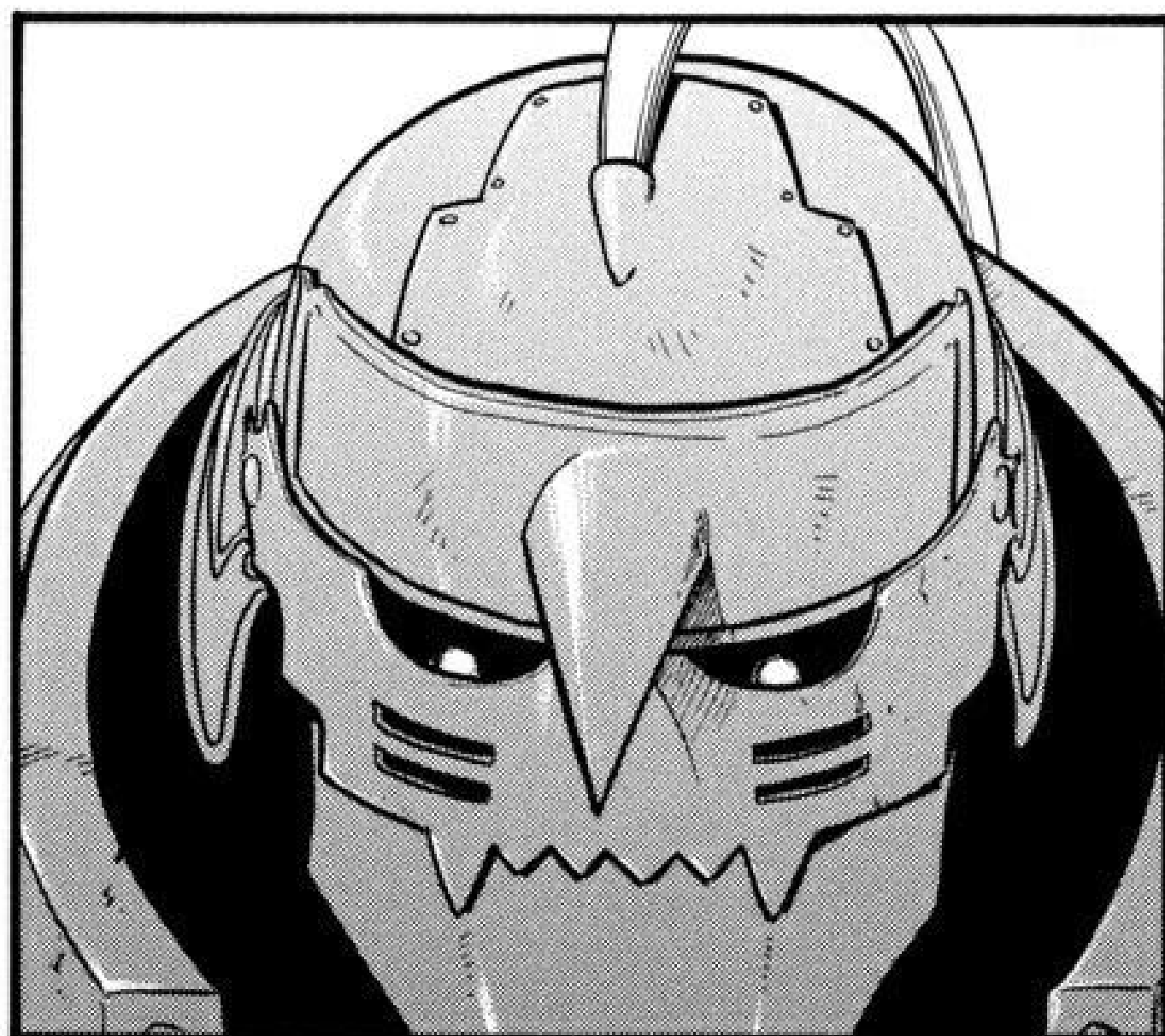
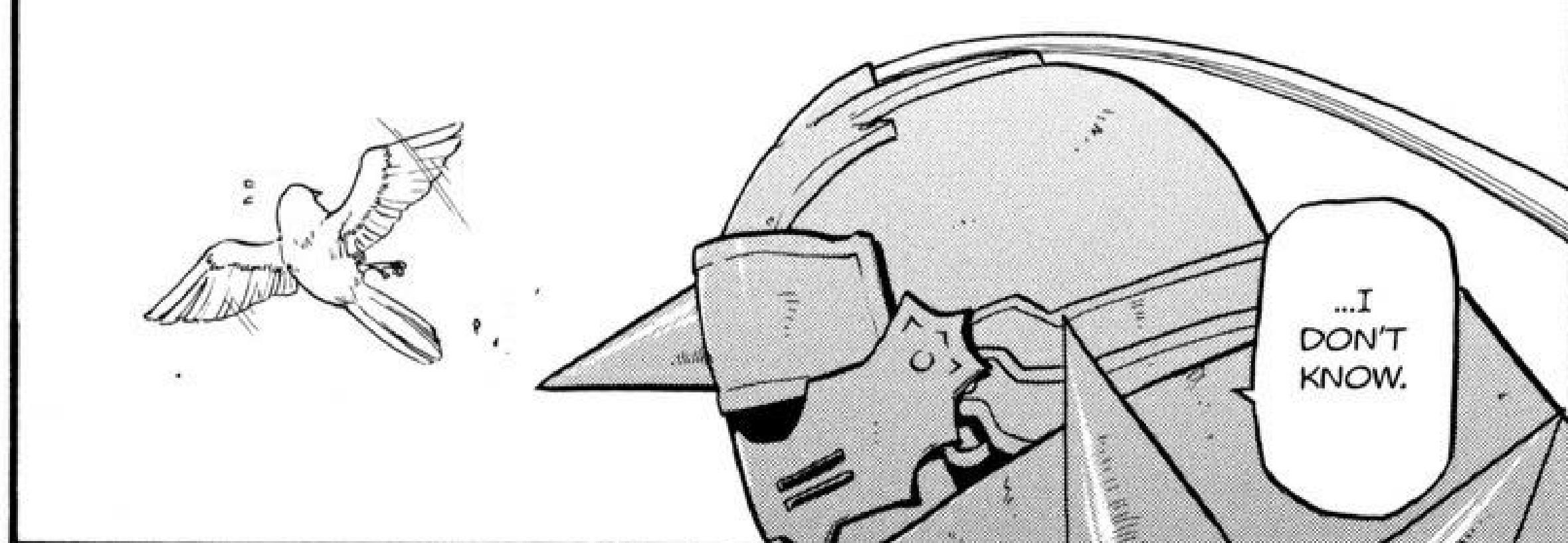












YOUR...
FA-
THER
?

UH-
HUH.

